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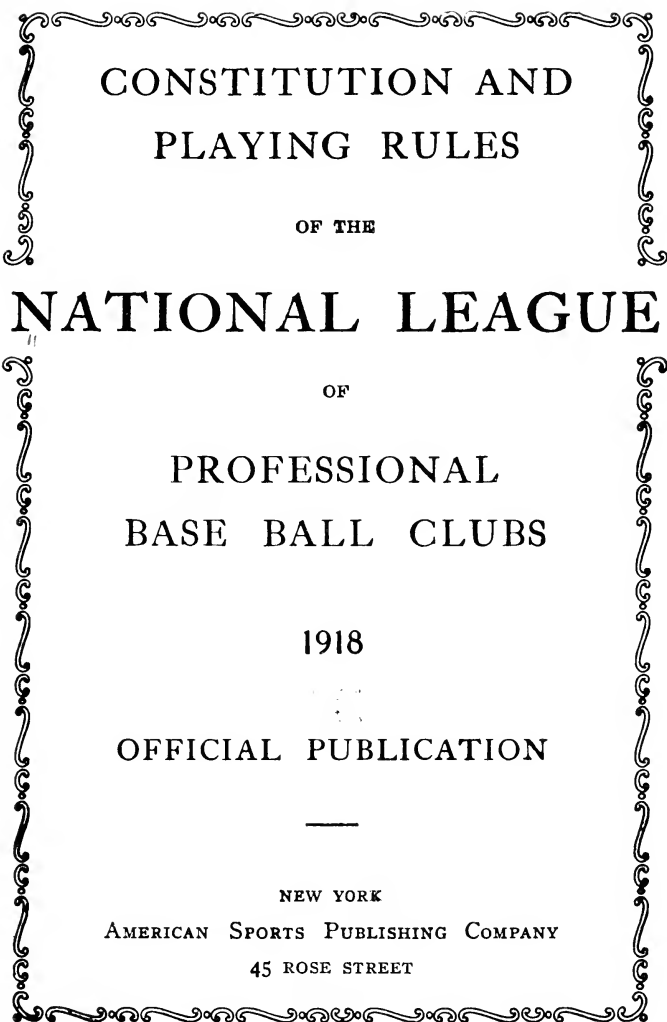
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Constitution

OF THE National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

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Name.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be called the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Objects.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

1. To immortalize Base Ball as the National Game of the United States.
2. To surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.
3. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional Base Ball clubs and professional Base Ball players, and
4. To establish and regulate the professional Base Ball championship of this League.

Membership.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of eight clubs located in and representing the following cities, to wit: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York, in which last-named city there shall be two clubs (one as now located in the Borough of Manhattan, and one as now located in the Borough of Brooklyn), and in no event shall there be more than one club in any other city, nor shall the membership be increased or diminished, except by unanimous consent of the League.

Withdrawal From Membership.

SEC. 4. Any club of the League unable to meet the obligations it has assumed may ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchise as a member of the League in that city to some other corporation. In the event of the League giving its consent to the transfer of membership from one company to another, it must be understood and arranged that the new member shall assume with the

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franchise and rights of the retiring company all existing liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by the retiring company. It must also be understood and agreed by the retiring company that it shall not be relieved or released from any contract or obligation entered into by it to the League, until all of said contracts and obligations have been fully paid and determined by that company, or the one accepting its membership, rights and franchises as its successor.

Admission to Membership.

SEC. 5. A company to be admitted to membership in this League, except as provided in Section 7, must first deliver to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents, showing that such company is regularly organized, chartered and officered, and is prepared to comply fully with the provisions of Section 4 of this Constitution. Such application shall be transmitted at once by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths affirmative vote being requisite for election.

In Regard to Vacancies.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applications for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority vote of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

Termination of Membership.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated:

1. By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened as provided in Section 4.
2. By failure to present its team at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling, or conditions beyond the control of the club or its officials.
3. By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or controlled by it.
4. By playing any game of ball with a club that is dis-

qualified or ineligible under the National Agreement or this Constitution.

5. By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to suspend immediately any player, or party connected with it, who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

6. By disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

7. By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

8. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

9. By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

The Expulsion of Clubs.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be certified to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board of Directors shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as it may prescribe; and its finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding, with a transcript of the evidence, shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary its written ballot "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if seven clubs vote "For Expulsion" the forfeiture of membership by the party charged shall be valid and shall be forthwith promulgated.

SEC. 10. Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8 as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in its judgment commensurate with the offense; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

Sources of Revenue.

SEC. 11. The revenue of the League shall be derived from the following sources:

a. The balance, if any, remaining in the treasury on the 31st day of December of each year.

b. Annual dues to be paid on or before the first day of April of each year by each club to the Secretary, in the sum of \$100.00.

c. Fines and penalties inflicted either by the League, the Board of Directors, or the President against a club, club officer, manager, player, or upon any other person in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Playing Rules of the League.

d. The proceeds of the sale of base balls by the League to its clubs under the contract entered into between the League and A. G. Spalding & Bros.

e. The amount received by the League under the contract entered into with A. G. Spalding & Bros.

f. Interest on deposits.

g. Income from all other sources.

h. The amount received by the League under the provisions of Section 17 of the Rules and Regulations governing the playing of the World's Series games during each year.

Operating Expenses.

SEC. 12. The operating expenses of the League, including the payment of salaries and expenses of officers and umpires, whether incurred by the League, the Board of Directors, or the President, shall be paid out of the League treasury, and if it is found at any time that the revenues under the provisions of Section 11 are insufficient to meet such expenses in any one year then and in that event an assessment shall be levied by the President against each club, share and share alike, to meet such deficiency.

Officers—Vacancies.

SEC. 13. The officers of the League shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting; provided, however, that the President and Secretary-Treasurer may be elected for a term of four years. It shall require five affirmative votes of the League to elect any officer, and all officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, except as otherwise provided in this section. There shall also be a Board of Directors consisting of eight members, the President of each club in the League being a member. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors may be removed for cause by a four-fifths vote of the Board, concurred in by at least six votes of the League. Should the office of the President or

Secretary become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the Board shall within thirty days thereafter elect his successor, who shall serve until the next annual meeting of the League. The Board shall also fill all vacancies in the Board caused by the removal of one of its members for cause. In doing so, however, the club having original representation on the Board shall again have representation; provided, however, that if a vacancy is caused by reason of death, resignation or absence of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once certify same to the Secretary.

The President's Duties.

SEC. 14. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, and he shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board. He shall report to the Board any violation of the provisions of the Constitution that may come to his knowledge, and he shall be the sole interpreter of the Playing Rules. In all cases of dispute or complaint relating to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proof must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the League, who shall send a copy of the same to the other club, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President shall decide such dispute on its merits, and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, and his decision shall be final.

The Secretary's Duties.

SEC. 15. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fines, assessments and other sources of revenues, which shall be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in some bank of deposit to meet the current expenses of the League. He shall make such payments as shall be ordered by the President, the Board, or by the League, and render annually a detailed report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 16. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall cause a record of all meetings of the League and of the Board to be kept and preserved; shall issue all official notices, attend to the necessary correspondence, prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be enti-

tled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 17. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

Officers' Salaries.

SEC. 18. The President and Secretary shall receive such salaries as the Board shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling and hotel expenses actually incurred by them in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from each such guarantee for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office each shall account for and deliver to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

Qualifications of Directors.

SEC. 19. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual stockholder of the club he represents; nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a case in which his club is interested.

SEC. 20. The Board shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in December at 12 o'clock noon, in New York City, and may hold special meetings on the call of the President or five members of the Board whenever necessity may require and in such cities as may be designated.

SEC. 21. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all its doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all the official papers, documents and property which may have come into its possession, and a copy of such report shall be transmitted by the Secretary to each club.

SEC. 22. The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, including the awarding of the championship and such other duties expressly or impliedly conferred upon it by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or Rules of Discipline, unless the League by a three-fourths vote of its club membership shall other-

wise direct. It shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes between clubs, complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, or complaint by the President of the League against a club for failure to comply with Constitutional requirements, or against a club official for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the game, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or facts arising out of this Constitution, the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 23. The Board shall, within ten days, either by mail or at a special meeting called for the purpose, hear and consider any complaint made by the President of the League, or by one of its clubs, charging a violation of Section 63 of this Constitution. The penalty for the first offense, if the charges are sustained, shall be \$250; for the second offense, \$500, and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

SEC. 24. The Board shall adopt such regulations and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before it as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 25. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club during or after a championship season for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him; provided, that such complaint be presented in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board. In all cases where charges are preferred by any regularly appointed League umpire against any manager or player for violation of the playing rules or for conduct on the ball field prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, the President shall have the sole jurisdiction to pass upon said charges and *to suspend for a definite period, and to impose reasonable fines, or both;* subject only to the restriction that in no case where expulsion is fixed shall the penalty be put into effect until ratified by the Board. Provided, that where such penalty carries with it suspension, the employing club shall stop payment of the

offending manager's or player's salary during time of such suspension, for which deduction of salary no refund or reimbursement shall be made to the manager or player at any time or in any manner. Any club failing to deduct salaries as stipulated by the foregoing provision shall be fined \$250 for each offense. *Provided, however, that where a player is suspended for a period longer than ten (10) days, an appeal may be taken to the Board, as is provided for under the provisions of the National Agreement; but in no other instance can an appeal be taken, the President's action being final.*

SEC. 26. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Board for a speedy determination. Should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, it shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. *Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint an award will not be made until he returns to its services.*

SEC. 27. The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club, except in cases of expulsion as provided in Section 40. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline file a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board, the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render its decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 28. Any player under contract or reservation who may consider himself unjustly treated or wronged by his club shall have the right to submit his case to the President of

the League, who shall, after receiving evidence concerning the matter, present the same to the Board for hearing, recommendation or adjudication. The Board shall have authority to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by its findings and decisions, and it may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

Individual Club Control.

SEC. 29. Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, except as herein otherwise provided, or as the League may from time to time determine, and, in doing so, shall have the right to establish its own rules and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of gross carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interest, and not to conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

Punishment of Scandalous Conduct.

SEC. 30. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, when the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or the National Game. Such fine, if the same has been fixed at the maximum amount, or suspension, if the latter is for a period of more than ten days, or both, can only be remitted or modified by the Board after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted. *The provisions of this Section shall not apply to, or in any way interfere with the powers of the President under the provisions of Section 25, relating to charges brought by an umpire, and the action of the President with respect thereto.*

Territorial Rights.

SEC. 31. This League shall have exclusive control of each city in its circuit and of the surrounding territory to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate

limits, unless such city be represented in the American League as well as the National League, in which event it shall be under the joint control of these Leagues. No outside National Agreement club shall be permitted to play exhibition games in such territory except with the consent of the local major league club or clubs located therein.

Reservation of Players.

SEC. 32. Each club of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 28th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a list of all players under contract on that day which such club desires to retain for the following season, together with those secured for future service by purchase or draft or while free agents, and those under suspension for insubordination or other cause as well as those ineligible for refusal to respect reservation by, or contract with, such club for that or a preceding season, or for any other valid reason. Such players shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve more than thirty-five (35) players, exclusive of its manager and ineligible players, and no club shall have the right to retain more than twenty-two (22) players, exclusive of its manager and ineligible players, from May 15th to August 31st. Provided, however, where the manager is also a player, he shall be included in the number of players. A player manager is one who participates in a championship game of base ball during the playing season.

Negotiating For Services.

SEC. 33. A player shall not enter into negotiations with any other club for services without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, nor shall any representative, manager, or agent of any club negotiate for the services of a player of another club without the consent of the club having title to the player's services.

Contracts—Releases—Waivers.

SEC. 34. An informal contract between a club and its manager or players either by telegram or in writing must be followed within ten days thereafter by a contract, and all contracts, formal or informal, entered into between any club and its manager or player must be promptly forwarded to the President of the League for approval and promulgation.

SEC. 35. The League shall adopt such form of contract as may be prescribed by the National Commission for the

protection of the rights of the parties thereto; and nothing contained therein shall be stricken out or changed in any manner in regard to its provisions and conditions, except that in submitting a contract to the player a conditional bonus may be written in, increasing the salary of the player at the option of the club owner, and no contract shall be accepted by the National League Office not absolutely in accord with the above. All contracts must be approved by the President and duly promulgated by him. Whenever a club serves notice on a player that his contract will be terminated in ten days, it shall immediately notify by wire the President of the League, who shall at once notify the other seven clubs. A failure to comply with this provision shall subject the offending club to a fine, to be fixed by the Board, of not less than \$25.00, unless a violation of this section results in the loss of the player to the National League, when it shall be at an amount commensurate with the player's ability as compensatory damages. For a period of ten days after notice of release is served on a National League player any other club shall have the right to claim without cost the player released and to negotiate for his services, and the player shall be ineligible to contract with a club of another league. A club desiring to release a player to a club of another league shall apply for permission through the President of the League, who shall ask for waivers from the other seven clubs. Upon a failure to receive reply to such request within five days during the championship season and ten days at all other times, the President shall notify the requesting club that permission to release is granted. If any club shall refuse by mail or wire to waive claim, then the following rules shall apply:

1. Whenever waivers are sought upon a player the President of the League shall furnish, if required by the president of any club, definite information concerning the terms of said player's contract, his salary, and whether he is a drafted or purchased player, and, if the latter, under what terms and conditions he was secured.
2. If the player sought to be released be a drafted player, then the price shall be fixed by the President of the League. Provided, however, that in no case shall the price be greater than the draft price. A player having served with one or more clubs of this League for the full playing season immediately following the year of his draft shall no longer be considered a drafted player.
3. For any other player (except a purchased player, as provided in paragraph 4 of these Rules) the price shall be fixed

by the President of the League, provided that the same shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500); proper consideration, however, to be given by the President to the terms and conditions in the player's contract.

4. If waivers are asked on a player who has been purchased within one year of the time in which such waivers are asked, and the price offered by the claiming club or clubs is not satisfactory to the club requesting such waivers, then the same shall be adjusted by negotiations between the interested clubs, and, in the event of their inability to agree, by the President of the League, who shall then fix compensation to be paid in excess of the price offered, and whose decision shall be final, and the claiming club shall pay the amount fixed within five days.

5. Refusal to waive must be followed by check, upon notification of the amount, to the President of the League.

6. Waivers secured between playing seasons expire ten days after the opening of the next championship season.

7. Waivers secured during the championship season expire thirty days after notice of request is promulgated by the President of the League.

8. No player shall be released during the five-day waiver period.

9. When the President of the League has awarded a player under the provisions of this section, the club to which he is awarded cannot withdraw its claim.

10. In case two or more clubs claim the services of the same player, the President of the League shall determine title by lot.

11. The President of a club, or his properly authorized representative, shall alone have authority to file a waiver claim.

12. If the club obtaining title to a player by refusing to waive claim shall ask for waivers on the same player within thirty days after it secures title to him, the player shall revert, on claim, to the club to which he originally belonged, upon repayment of the price paid for the player, and that club shall then have the privilege, for a period of ten days, of disposing of the services of such player out of the League without further waiver requests. Provided, that if more than one club had refused to waive in the first instance, all such clubs (except the one returning him) shall have the right to refuse to waive.

13. A club shall not release a player to a minor league club until waivers on his services have been obtained from all other

major league clubs in accordance with the provisions of the National Agreement and the rules of the National Commission.

14. The penalty to be imposed by the Board of Directors for violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be not more than \$250 for each offense.

Suspension and Expulsion of Players.

SEC. 36. Any manager or player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating the date when the same takes effect, and the cause thereof.

SEC. 37. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

Effect of Club Disbandment.

SEC. 38. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall revert to the League, and they shall be subject to transfer to such other clubs as the League may designate after notification to them of acceptance of their said services.

SEC. 39. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League, or not in good standing under the National Agreement. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its team a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

Crookedness and Its Penalties.

SEC. 40. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall be forever disqualified by the President of

the League from acting as umpire, manager or player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

Umpires.

SEC. 41. A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the President before the opening of the regular season.

1. Applicant for the position of umpire must state age, residence, experience, habits and such other qualifications as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the President, and must have the endorsement of those who from skilled and personal knowledge can recommend the applicant for the position.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the President shall make inquiries and inform himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

2. Umpires shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the President, subject to the approval of the Board.

3. In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the President to provide, if possible, a substitute to umpire such game; in such case there shall be deducted from the next payment to the umpire one day's pay for each assignment which for any reason he shall have failed to fill.

4. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such umpires or substitutes as the President shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of a League umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, each club captain shall then select one of the players of the opposing club, not on its batting list for that game, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized umpires for that game.

5. It shall be the duty of umpires to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the President's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution, obey all orders of the President, fill all assignments of their services, and wear such uniform on the playing field as he may designate.

Supervision of Umpires.

SEC. 42. All complaints against umpires shall be submitted in writing or by telegraph to the President, who shall take such steps as he may deem proper, according to the gravity of the charges, to ascertain the competency of the

umpire complained of and to determine, if possible, by his own personal observation as to his merits or demerits. If a charge of a wilful violation of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules, or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules, or for improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct, either on or off the ball field, be substantiated upon investigation, the President shall have the right to fine, remove, suspend or expel the offender, as in his judgment the offense may justify.

Committees.

SEC. 43. At each annual meeting of the League the President shall appoint a committee of three on Constitutional Amendments and such additional committees as may be authorized by the League from time to time. He shall also appoint a committee of three on Playing Rules whenever the National Commission certifies to the President of each major league that in its judgment the Playing Rules require amending.

The Championship.

SEC. 44. The Championship of this League shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing it, under the Official Playing Rules of Professional Base Ball Clubs, as adopted by the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National and American Leagues.

SEC. 45. The President of this League in conjunction with the President of the American League shall jointly, in person or by proxy, annually prepare a schedule of games for each major league for the ensuing pennant race, avoiding as far as possible conflicts in championship games in cities in which rival clubs are located. The schedules thus drafted shall be submitted to each major league not later than the second week in February of each year, and no alteration shall be made in any date or dates allotted therein without the concurrence of both major league Presidents.

SEC. 46. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend to or exchange players with each other for any game played during the championship season. No player shall be released by one club to another club of the League during the period from August 20 to the close of the championship season, except under the regular waiver provisions of the League. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

SEC. 47. Each club shall play twenty-two or more championship games with every other club in the League. A tie game or a game prevented by rain or other legal cause, shall be played off on the same ground on which scheduled on any open date during the same or any subsequent series at a date optional with the home club, but no tie or postponed game shall be played off as a double-header in the first series; provided, that the date for playing off such postponed or tie game must be at once fixed by the home club, and the date so fixed shall then become part of the regular championship schedule and be bulletined to all clubs. The visiting club and President of the League shall be notified of such date before eight o'clock P. M. of the day such postponement or tie occurs; and in event the date for such play-off be fixed for the next day of the same series, the home club shall also notify the umpire or umpires then officiating in that city. If, however, all of the series of games scheduled on any ground have been ended, and any such game remains unplayed, then such game shall, if possible, be played off on the ground of the opposing club on a date to be determined by the club of the city to which such game be transferred. *An open date succeeding any series of games between two clubs shall be considered as belonging to and within the dates of the preceding series, provided such day is not absolutely required by either club to meet its next schedule appointment.*

SEC. 48. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 47; and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under this Constitution and the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its team by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its team as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary

upon receipt of complaint from the home club. It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order of its team before the commencement of the game under similar penalties or default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its team on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

The Championship Schedule.

SEC. 49. All championship games shall be arranged by the President or his proxy as provided in Section 2, Article IX, of the National Agreement in a written schedule and reported to the League before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of the two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs in a city in which a rival major league is not operated to an open date on the same ground; or (2) as provided in Section 47.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000, to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the League, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to the offending club or clubs' credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

The Admission Fees and Receipts.

SEC. 50. The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five cents. All division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the representative of the visiting club and transmit by mail to the President or other designated officials of the visiting club a detailed statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five-cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

The Ball Park.

SEC. 51. Each park shall be provided with a sufficient number of exits and entrances for the accommodation of the public, and a separate entrance shall be maintained for the convenience of the press representatives and those entitled to the courtesies of the grounds.

1. Additional entrances may be opened upon holidays, provided the visiting clubs shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and their locations.

2. Emergency gates may be opened at any time by consent of the visiting club.

3. Each park shall be provided with proper and suitable dressing room or rooms for visiting players, supplied with toilet conveniences, hot and cold water, and shower baths, and twenty suitable lockers for such players. Such dressing rooms shall be properly heated and cared for, and made subject to the control during their occupancy thereof, of the players of the visiting club. The penalty for failure to provide and maintain such dressing rooms in accordance with this section shall be \$25 for each day of violation of any or all of these provisions, the same to be assessed and collected by the Secretary of the League upon complaint of the visiting club.

4. A visiting club shall not be permitted to convey its players to or from the grounds of any other club in uniform unless special permission therefor has been first granted by the President of the League, or some great emergency arises to warrant it. A violation of this rule shall be punishable by the infliction of a fine of \$50 for each day the rule is violated.

The Turnstile Count.

SEC. 52. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition. The keys to these turnstiles shall be delivered before the opening of the grounds for each game to the agent of the visiting club, who shall have full access to such turnstiles. The box of such turnstiles shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh inning, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count at each game or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use admission tickets, with rain

checks attached which have been approved by the League. At the conclusion of each game the visiting club shall be furnished a copy of the ticket sale statement.

Special Entrance.

SEC. 53. No person shall be admitted free to a championship game, except players and officers of contesting clubs, umpires, policemen in uniform, necessary employes of the home club, representatives of the press and such invited guests as the President of the home club may deem proper to recognize, all of whom must pass through a self-registering turnstile at the special entrance provided for the press. Said turnstile shall be subject to the same right of inspection by the visiting club that is provided in all other entrances. It shall be the duty of the President of the League to inspect all ball parks from time to time, and to report to the Board any failure to comply with this or any other section of the Constitution.

Stopping Play to Catch Trains.

SEC. 54. On any day when either club is required to leave a city in order to reach the next city, where it is scheduled, in time to play its next game at the customary hour, the home club shall be compelled, upon proper notice by the visiting club, to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train on which either club can reach its next scheduled point in time; and either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, after five innings on each side have been played, the umpire to be the sole judge of the time.

Rain Checks.

SEC. 55. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before the required number of innings to make it a legal game have been played under the provisions of rule 27 of the Playing Rules, rain checks shall become valid and exchangeable at any time during the current season, and the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts.

Forfeited Games.

SEC. 56. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account

of the violation by the opposing club of any section of this Constitution or of any Playing Rules. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding \$1,000 as may be imposed by the Board after a hearing held within one week from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty on the offending club, the captain or manager, or person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a fine of \$100, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within the time prescribed in this section, the club, manager, or player penalized cannot participate in a championship game.

Drawn Games.

SEC. 57. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in a series as games, but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 47. Such games, if drawn or tied shall be included in the official batting, fielding and pitching averages. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season. Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 47.

Winning the Pennant.

SEC. 58. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in all its championship series shall be declared the champion club of this League for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games during the championship season, the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between such clubs, to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, of games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant of the National colors, to cost not less than

\$100, inscribed with the motto, "CHAMPION BASE BALL CLUB OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won. The champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

Deciding the Championship.

SEC. 59. The championship shall be decided in the following manner: Within twenty-four hours after every game played for the championship, the official scorer of the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and umpires; provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except in compiling the individual and team averages; provided further, that in any case the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default. At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the reports so sent him, which shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statement so sent him, to the Board, which shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.
3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other league clubs. Such games shall be counted to the following extent:

The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such retired club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each league club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by and with such retired club, shall not be counted in the championship series; provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship

game with every league club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

Meetings.

SEC. 60. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year at two o'clock P. M. in New York City. Adjourned sessions of the annual meeting may be held at other places and at such times as shall be determined by resolution of the National League or its Board from time to time. The schedule meeting shall be held annually in New York City on the second Tuesday in February.

SEC. 61. Special meetings may be called by the President of the League and on the written call of six clubs, or a majority of the Board, at such times and places as they may from time to time determine.

Club Representation.

SEC. 62. At every meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement to it as a ball player or manager. If requested by any other club representative, a representative shall present a certificate of appointment duly attested by at least two officers of his club showing his authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote, and provided further, that no club shall be represented by any person or persons who have been found guilty by this League of any act bringing into disrepute the National League, or the National Game.

Executive Session.

SEC. 63. The League may, upon a majority vote of its members, go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives. A fine shall be imposed by the Board upon any club whose representative or representatives make public the subject-matter of executive proceedings.

Quorum.

SEC. 64. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a

quorum is obtained. When obtained a quorum may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room, the appointment of doorkeepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

Order of Business.

SEC. 65. The following shall be the order of business unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Report of President.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Amendment of Constitution.
8. Consideration of Playing Rules.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Adjournment.

Amendments.

SEC. 66. Sections 3, 8, 9, 31, 40, 50 and 66 shall not be altered or amended at any time, except by a unanimous vote of all of the clubs of the League. All other sections may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting or adjourned session thereof, or by a unanimous vote at any other time; provided further, that any section may be suspended and rendered non-applicable, except the sections herein referred to, by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting or adjourned session thereof, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that no amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless the proposed amendment, in writing, is filed with the Secretary at least fifteen days before a meeting at which it is to be considered and a copy thereof sent by registered mail to each club owner at least ten days before such meeting.

Official Playing Rules Professional Base Ball Clubs

As adopted at the meeting of the Joint Playing Rules Committee of the National League and the American League, held at National League Headquarters, New York City, March 2, 1904. Amended February 14, 1906; February 25, 1907; February 27, 1908; February 17, 1909; January 24, 1910; February 13, 1914, and February 13, 1916.

These Rules also have been adopted by

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL LEAGUES.

The Ball Ground.

RULE 1. The ball ground must be enclosed. To obviate the necessity for ground rules, the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base should be 235 feet and from home base to the grand stand 90 feet.

To Lay off the Field.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines defining the location of the several bases, the catcher's and the pitcher's position and to establish the boundaries required in playing the game of base ball, proceed as follows:

Diamond or Infield.

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a straight line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines BC and BD at right angles to the line AB; then, with B as a center and 63.63945 feet as a radius, describe arcs cutting the lines BA at F and BC at G, BD at H and BE at I. Draw lines FG, GI, IH, and HF, each 90 feet in length, which said lines shall be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield

The Catcher's Lines.

RULE 3. **SECTION 1.** With F as a center and 10 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line FA at Z and draw lines ZJ and ZK at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FA not less than 10 feet.

SEC. 2. With F as a center and 90 feet radius, describe an arc cutting FA at L and draw lines LM and LO at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FL not less than 90 feet, to form the back-stop line.

The Foul Lines.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines GF and HF until they intersect the lines LO and LM, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the ground, and said lines shall be clearly visible from any part of the diamond, and no wood or other hard substance shall be used in the construction of such lines.

The Players' Lines.

RULE 5. With F as center and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines FO and FM at P and Q; then, with F as center again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting FG and FH at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines FO, FM, FG and FH, and continue the same until they intersect at the points W and T.

The Coachers' Lines.

RULE 6. With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting the lines RW and ST at X and Y and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with the lines FG and FH and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

The Three-Foot Line.

RULE 7. With F as a center and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting the line FG at the figure one (1) and from the figure one (1) to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to FG, and mark point 2; then from point 2 draw a line parallel with the line FG to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with FG.

The Batsman's Lines.

RULE 8. On either side of the line AFB describe a rectangle six feet long and four feet wide (marked 9 and 10, respectively). The longest side of each rectangle shall be parallel with the line AFB and the rectangles shall be 20 inches apart or $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches on either side of line AFB. The middle of the long side of each rectangle shall be on a line with the middle corners of home base.

The Pitcher's Plate.

RULE 9. SECTION 1. From point F measure along line FE a distance of 60 feet 6 inches to point 4, which marks the front of the pitcher's plate. Draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 at right angles to F4, and extending 12 inches on either side of line FB; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a rectangle 24 inches by 6 inches in which shall be placed the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level with the surface of the field, and the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual.

The Bases.

RULE 10. SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines FG and FH to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line FB $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points U and V a straight line between which, 17 inches long, will form the front of the home base or plate.

SEC. 2. Within the angles at G and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of the sides of which squares shall lie along the lines FG and GI, IH and HF, which squares shall be the location of the first and third bases respectively. At point I, the intersection of GI and HI, describe a square 15 inches on each side, the center of which is directly over point I and whose sides are parallel to GI and HI. This shall locate second base.

RULE 11. The home base at F and the pitcher's plate at 4 must be each of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with its surface. The size of the pitcher's plate shall be 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 12. The first base at G, the second base at I and the third base at H must each be a white canvas bag 15 inches square filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the points specified in Rule 10.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.

The Ball.

RULE 14. SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball or the Reach American League Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. Two regulation balls of the make adopted by the league of which the contesting clubs are members, shall be delivered by the home club to the umpire at or before the hour for the commencement of a championship game. If the ball placed in play be batted or thrown out of the grounds or into one of the stands for spectators or in the judgment of the umpire, becomes unfit for play from any cause, the umpire shall at once deliver the alternate ball to the pitcher and another legal ball shall be supplied to him, so that he shall at all times have in his control one or more alternate balls. Provided, however, that all balls batted or thrown out of the ground or into a stand shall when returned to the field be given into the custody of the umpire immediately and become alternate balls and so long as he has in his possession two or more alternate balls, he shall not call for a new ball to replace one that has gone out of play. The alternate balls shall become the ball in play in the order in which they were delivered to the umpire.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the delivery to him of the alternate ball by the umpire, the pitcher shall take his position and on the call of "Play," by the umpire, it shall become the ball in play. Provided, however, that play shall not be resumed with the alternate ball when a fair batted ball or a ball thrown by a fielder goes out of the ground or into a stand for spectators until the base-runners have completed the circuit of the bases unless compelled to stop at second or third base in compliance with a ground rule.

The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past forty-one years and is used in all the League contests. It has also been adopted by the majority of other professional leagues and by practically all the colleges.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding "Official National League" Jr. Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

Discolored or Damaged Balls.

SEC. 4. In the event of a ball being intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise by any player, or otherwise damaged by any player, the umpire shall forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball, as hereinbefore described, and impose a fine of \$5.00 on the offending player.

Home Club to Provide Balls.

SEC. 5. In every game the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball shall be enclosed in a paper box, which must be sealed with the seal of the President of the League and bear his certificate that the ball contained therein is of the required standard in all respects. The seal shall not be broken by the umpire except in the presence of the captains of the contesting teams after "Play" has been called.

Reserve Balls on Field.

SEC. 6. The home club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field during each championship game, ready for use on the call of the umpire.

The Bat.

RULE 15. The bat must be round, not over two and three-fourth inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length and entirely of hardwood, except that for a distance of 18 inches from the end, twine may be wound around or a granulated substance applied to the handle.

Number of Players in a Game.

RULE 16. The players of each club, actively engaged in a game at one time, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain; and in no case shall more or less than nine men be allowed to play on a side in a game.

Positions of the Players.

RULE 17. The players of the team not at bat may be stationed at any points of the field on fair ground their captain may elect, regardless of their respective positions, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat must take his position

as defined in Rules 9 and 30; and the catcher must be within the lines of his position, as defined in Rule 3, and within 10 feet of home base, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat.

Must Not Mingle With Spectators.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators.

Uniforms of Players.

RULE 19. Every club shall adopt two uniforms for its players, one to be worn in games at home and the other in games abroad, and the suits of each of the uniforms of a team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoe other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in a game.

Size and Weight of Gloves.

The catcher or first baseman may wear a **RULE 20.** glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. Every other player is restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over 10 ounces and measuring not over 14 inches around the palm.

Players' Benches.

RULE 21. SECTION 1. Players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting team and the other for the exclusive use of the home team. Each bench must be covered with a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left under the roof for ventilation. All players and substitutes of the side at bat must be seated on their team's bench, except the batsman, base-runners and such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners. Under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person except the players and substitutes in uniform and the manager of the team entitled to its exclusive use to be seated on a bench.

Penalty for Violation.

SEC. 2. Whenever the umpire observes a violation of the preceding section, he shall immediately order such player or

players as have disregarded it to be seated. If the order be not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order be not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to forthwith leave the playing field.

A Regulation Game.

RULE 22. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset and shall continue until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate:

SECTION 1. If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings.

SEC. 2. If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out.

SEC. 3. If the game be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons or players in peril.

Extra-Innings Games.

If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate.

Drawn Games.

RULE 24. A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire if the score is equal on the last even inning played when he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, after five or more equal innings have been played by each team. But if the side that went second to bat is at bat when the game is terminated, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal inning.

Called Games.

RULE 25. If the umpire calls a game in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, except that if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of

innings, or before the completion of the unfinished inning, at least one run more than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs each team has made.

Forfeited Games.

RULE 26. A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the team of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuse to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned, within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuse to continue to play, unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team employ tactics palpably designed to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game be wilfully and persistently violated.

SEC. 6. If the order for the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 21, 58 and 67, be not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of the removal of players from the game by the umpire, or for any cause, there be less than nine players on either team.

SEC. 8. If, after the game has been suspended on account of rain, the orders of the umpire are not complied with as required by Rule 29.

SEC. 9. If, when two games are scheduled to be played in one afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of the completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 10. In case the umpire declare the game forfeited he shall transmit a written report thereof to the President of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the President shall not affect the validity of his award of the game by forfeiture.

No Game.

RULE 27. "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Sec. 3, before five innings are completed by each team. Provided, however, that if the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in five completed innings of a game so terminated, the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greater number of runs, and it shall count as a legal game in the championship record.

Substitutes.

RULE 28. SECTION 1. Each side shall be required to have present on the field during a championship game a sufficient number of substitute players in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team-mates, to carry out the provisions of this code which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any inning of the game.

SEC. 2. Any such substitute may at any stage of the game take the place of a player whose name is in his team's batting order, but the player whom he succeeds shall not thereafter participate in that game.

SEC. 3. A base-runner shall not have another player whose name appears in the batting order of his team run for him except by the consent of the captain of the other team.

SEC. 4. Whenever one player is substituted for another, whether as batsman, base-runner or fielder, the captain of the side making the change must immediately notify the umpire, who in turn must announce the same to the spectators. A fine of \$5.00 shall be assessed by the umpire against the captain for each violation of this rule, and the President of the League shall impose a similar fine against the umpire, who, after having been notified of a change, fails to make proper announcement. Play shall be suspended while announcement is being made, and the player substituted shall become actively engaged in the game immediately upon his captain's notice of the change to the umpire.

Choice of Innings—Fitness of Field for Play.

RULE 29. The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after a rain; but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the

ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain, and when time is so called the ground-keeper and sufficient assistants shall be under the control of the umpire for the purpose of putting the ground in proper shape for play, under penalty of forfeiture of the game by the home team.

THE PITCHING RULES.

Delivery of the Ball to the Bat.

RULE 30. Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate or on top of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

A Fairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 31. A fairly delivered ball is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that passes over any portion of the home base, before touching the ground, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder. For every such fairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one strike.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 32. An unfairly delivered ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that does not pass over any portion of the home base between the batsman's shoulder and knees, or that touches the ground before passing home base, unless struck at by the batsman; or, with the bases unoccupied, any ball delivered by the pitcher while no foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate. For every unfairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one ball.

Delaying the Game.

RULE 33. **SECTION 1.** If, after the batsman be standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, the ball be thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher when in the catcher's lines and within 10 feet of the home base (except in an attempt to retire a base-runner), each ball so thrown shall be called a ball.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman for a longer period than 20 seconds, excepting that at the commencement of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, the pitcher may occupy one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to the catcher or an infielder, during which time play shall be suspended.

SEC. 3. In event of the pitcher being taken from his position by either manager or captain, the player substituted for him shall continue to pitch until the batsman then at bat has either been put out or has reached first base.

Balking.

A balk shall be:

RULE 34. SECTION I. Any motion made by the pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, or to throw to first base when occupied by a base-runner without completing the throw.

SEC. 2. Throwing the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base-runner without stepping directly toward such base in the act of making such throw.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while either foot is back of and not in contact with the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman.

SEC. 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined by Rule 30.

SEC. 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to unnecessarily delay the game.

SEC. 7. Making any motion to pitch while standing in his position without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 8. Making any motion of the arm, shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher shall fail to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule, the umpire shall call a "balk."

Dead Ball.

RULE 35. A dead ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher, not struck at by the batsman, that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while he is standing in his position.

Ball Not in Play.

RULE 36. In case of an illegally batted ball, a balk, foul hit ball not legally caught, dead ball, interference with the fielder or batsman, or a fair hit ball striking a base-runner or umpire before touching a fielder, the ball shall not be considered in play until it be held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called "Play."

Block Balls.

RULE 37. **SECTION 1.** A block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and base-runners may run the bases without liability to be put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher in his position.

SEC. 3. If a person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

THE BATTING RULES.**The Batsman's Position.**

RULE 38. Each player of the side at bat shall become the batsman and must take his position within the batsman's lines (as defined in Rule 8) in the order that his name appears in his team's batting list.

The Order of Batting.

RULE 39. **SECTION 1.** The batting order of each team must be on the score card and must be delivered before the game by its captain to the umpire at the home plate, who shall submit it to the inspection of the captain of the other side. The batting order delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game unless a player be substituted for another, in which case the substi-

tute must take the place in the batting order of the retired player.

SEC. 2. When the umpire announces the pitcher prior to commencement of game, the player announced must pitch until the first batsman has either been put out or has reached first base.

The First Batsman in an Inning.

RULE 40. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who completed his "time at bat" in the preceding inning.

Players Belong on Bench.

RULE 41. When a side goes to the bat its players must immediately seat themselves on the bench assigned to them as defined in Rule 21, and remain there until their side is put out, except when called to the bat or to act as coaches or substitute base-runners.

Reserved for Umpire, Catcher and Batsman.

RULE 42. No player of the side "at bat," except the batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space back of the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the pitcher or catcher, or passing between them while standing in their positions.

Fielder Has Right of Way.

RULE 43. The players of the side at bat must speedily abandon their bench and hasten to another part of the field when by remaining upon or near it they or any of them would interfere with a fielder in an attempt to catch or handle a thrown or a batted ball.

A Fair Hit.

RULE 44. A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base or between home and third base or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base, or that, while on or over fair ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Hit.

RULE 45. A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base, or, while on or over foul ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Tip.

RULE 46. A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

A Bunt Hit.

RULE 47. A bunt hit is a legally batted ball, not swung at, but met with the bat and tapped slowly within the infield by the batsman. If the attempt to bunt result in a foul not legally caught, a strike shall be called by the umpire.

Balls Batted Outside the Ground.

RULE 48. **SECTION 1.** When a batted ball passes outside the ground or into a stand the umpire shall decide it fair or foul according to where it disappears from the umpire's view.

SEC. 2. A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into a stand shall entitle the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, in which case the batsman shall be entitled to two bases only. In either event the batsman must touch the bases in regular order. The point at which a fence or stand is less than 235 feet from the home base shall be plainly indicated by a white or black sign or mark for the umpire's guidance.

Strikes.

A strike is:

RULE 49. **SECTION 1.** A pitched ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat.

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher at which the batsman does not strike.

SEC. 3. A foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes.

SEC. 4. An attempt to bunt which results in a foul not legally caught.

SEC. 5. A pitched ball, at which the batsman strikes but misses and which touches any part of his person.

SEC. 6. A foul tip, held by the catcher, while standing within the lines of his position.

An Illegally Batted Ball.

RULE 50. An illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet are upon the ground outside of the lines of the batsman's position.

When Batsman is Out.

The batsman is out:

RULE 51. **SECTION 1.** If he fail to take his position at the bat in the order in which his name appears on the batting list unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman replace him before he becomes a base-runner, in which case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman. But only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman. Provided, this rule shall not be enforced unless the out be declared before the ball be delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should the batsman declared out under this section be the third hand out and his side be thereby put out, the proper batsman in the next inning shall be the player who would have come to bat had the players been put out by ordinary play in the preceding inning.

SEC. 2. If he fail to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he make a foul hit other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or strike some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he bat the ball illegally, as defined in Rule 50.

SEC. 5. If he attempt to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player; except that the batsman shall not be out under this section if the base-runner be declared out according to Section 15 of Rule 56.

SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base-runner, the third strike be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5.

SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it an infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Sections 4 or 5 of Rule 49.

SEC. 10. If he steps from one batsman's box to the other while the pitcher is in his position ready to pitch.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

Legal Order of Bases.

RULE 52. The Base-Runner must touch each base in legal order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return while the ball is in play, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He can only acquire the right to a base by touching it, before having been put out, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game ahead of the base-runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base-runner who has not been put out in that inning.

When the Batsman Becomes a Base-Runner.

The batsman becomes a base-runner:

RULE 53. SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after "Four Balls" have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after "Three Strikes" have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly makes no effort to get out of the way of the pitched ball.

SEC. 5. If the catcher interfere with him in or prevent him from striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 6. If a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground.

Entitled to Bases.

RULE 54. The base-runner shall be entitled, without liability to be put out, to advance a base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while the batsman, he becomes a base-runner by reason of "four balls," or for being hit by a pitched ball, or for being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball, or if a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground before touching a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards to a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit by a pitched ball, or being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball and the base-runner be thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire call a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety (90) feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, unless the latter have the ball in his hand ready to touch the base-runner.

SEC. 6. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball or a thrown ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from its proper place on his person, the runner or runners shall be entitled to three bases if a batted ball or to two bases if a thrown ball.

SEC. 7. If a thrown or pitched ball strike the person or clothing of an umpire the ball shall be considered in play and the base-runner or runners shall be entitled to all the bases they can make.

Returning to Bases.

RULE 55. The base-runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares any foul not legally caught.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares an illegally batted ball.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire, while stationed back of the bat, interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw.

SEC. 5. If a pitched ball at which the batsman strikes but misses, touch any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. If the umpire be struck by a fair hit ball before touching a fielder; in which case no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored unless all the bases are occupied.

SEC. 7. If the umpire declares the batsman or another base-runner out for interference.

SEC. 8. In any and all of these cases the base-runner is not required to touch the intervening bases in returning to the base he is legally entitled to.

When Base-Runners are Out.

The base-runner is out:

RULE 56. SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while the batsman, the third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground or any object other than a fielder; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touch first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first

base, he run outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless he do so to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he run more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder. But in case a fielder be occupying a base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of direct line to the next base and behind said fielder and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fail to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or in any way obstruct a fielder in attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interfere with a thrown ball; provided, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base-runner come in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with a fielder other than the one the umpire determines to be entitled to field such batted ball.

SEC. 9. If at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touching the base he is entitled to occupy; provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base-runner deliberately knock it out of his hand.

SEC. 10. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46) be legally caught by a fielder, such ball be legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball was batted, or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouch such base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base, or touch the base-runner out with it; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detach it from its fastening before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a

base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, and may be put out at the next base in the same manner as in running to first base, or by being touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder at any time before any base-runner following him in the batting order be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the batsman to be an infield fly.

SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, but no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out until the umpire puts the ball back into play.

SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If with one or no one out and a base-runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate.

SEC. 16. If he pass a preceding base-runner before such runner has been legally put out he shall be declared out immediately.

SEC. 17. If a coacher at third base touch or hold a base-runner at third base or a base-runner who is rounding third base for home plate the umpire shall declare such base-runner out.

Overrunning First Base.

SEC. 18. The base-runner in running to first base may overrun said base after touching it in passing without incurring liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, after over-

running first base, he attempts to run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit such exemption from liability to be put out.

SEC. 19. If, while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed near that base shall run in the direction of home base on or near the base line while a fielder is making or trying to make a play on a batted ball not caught on the fly, or on a thrown ball, or a fly ball, and thereby draws a throw to home base, the base-runner entitled to third base shall be declared out by the umpire for the coacher's interference with and prevention of the legitimate play.

SEC. 20. If one or more members of the team at bat stand or collect at or around a base for which a base-runner is trying, thereby confusing the fielding side and adding to the difficulty of making such play, the base-runner shall be declared out for the interference of his teammate or team-mates.

When Umpire Shall Declare an Out.

RULE 57. The umpire shall declare the batsman or base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player be put out in accordance with any of these rules, except Sections 13 and 18 of Rule 56.

Coaching Rules.

RULE 58. A coacher may address words of assistance and direction to the base-runners or to the batsman. He shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations, and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators. Not more than two coachers, who must be players in the uniform of the team at bat, shall be allowed to occupy the space between the players' and the coachers' lines, one near first and the other near third base, to coach base-runners. If there be more than the legal number of coachers or this rule be violated in any respect the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coachers to the bench, and if his order be not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player, and upon a repetition of the offense, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

The Scoring of Runs.

RULE 59. One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. A force-out can be made only when a base-runner legally loses the right to the base he occupies by reason of the batsman becoming a base-runner, and he is thereby obliged to advance.

UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Power to Enforce Decisions.

RULE 60. The umpires are the representatives of the League and as such are authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. They shall have the power to order a player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in their judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed. In order to define their respective duties, the umpire judging balls and strikes shall be designated as the "Umpire-in-Chief"; the umpire judging base decisions as the "Field Umpire."

The Umpire-in-Chief.

RULE 61. **SECTION 1.** The Umpire-in-Chief shall take position back of the catcher; he shall have full charge of and be responsible for the proper conduct of the game. With exception of the base decisions to be made by the Field Umpire, the Umpire-in-Chief shall render all the decisions that ordinarily would devolve upon a single umpire, and which are prescribed for "The Umpire" in these Playing Rules.

SEC. 2. He shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range as defined in Rule 31, whether struck at or not by the batsman; or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher standing within the lines of his position, within 10 feet of the home base; or which, after being struck at and not hit, strike the person of the batsman; or when the ball be bunted foul by the batsman; or any

foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes; provided, however, that a pitched ball shall not be called or counted a "ball" or "strike" by the umpire until it has passed the home plate.

SEC. 3. He shall render base decisions in the following instances: (1) If the ball is hit fair, with a runner on first, he must go to third base to take a possible decision; (2) with more than one base occupied, he shall decide whether or not a runner on third leaves that base before a fly ball is caught; (3) in case of a runner being caught between third and home, when more than one base is occupied, he shall make the decision on the runner nearest the home plate.

SEC. 4. The Umpire-in-Chief alone shall have authority to declare a game forfeited.

The Field Umpire.

SECTION 1. The Field Umpire shall take
RULE 62. such positions on the playing field as in his judgment are best suited for the rendering of base decisions. He shall render all decisions at first base and second base, and all decisions at third base except those to be made by the Umpire-in-Chief in accordance with Sec. 3, Rule 61.

SEC. 2. He shall aid the Umpire-in-Chief in every manner in enforcing the rules of the game and, with the exception of declaring a forfeiture, shall have equal authority with the Umpire-in-Chief in fining or removing from the game players who violate these rules.

No Appeal From Decisions Based on Umpire's Judgment.

There shall be no appeal from any decision of either umpire on the ground that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a base-runner safe or out, a pitched ball a strike or a ball, or on any other play involving accuracy of judgment, and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except that he be convinced that it is in violation of one of these rules. The captain shall alone have the right to protest against a decision and seek its reversal on a claim that it is in conflict with a section of these rules. In case the captain does seek a reversal of a decision based solely on a point of rules, the umpire making the decision shall, if he is in doubt, ask his associate for information before acting on

the captain's appeal. Under no circumstances shall either umpire criticise or interfere with a decision unless asked to do so by his associate.

Duties of Single Umpire.

RULE 64. If but one umpire be assigned, his duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points, and he shall be permitted to take his stand in any part of the field that in his opinion will best enable him to discharge his duties.

Must Not Question Decisions.

RULE 65. Under no circumstances shall a captain or player dispute the accuracy of the umpire's judgment and decision on a play.

Clubs Can Not Change Umpire.

RULE 66. The umpire can not be changed during a championship game by the consent of the contesting clubs unless the official in charge of the field be incapacitated from service by injury or illness.

Penalties for Violations of the Rules.

RULE 67. **SECTION 1.** In all cases of violation of these rules, by either player or manager, the penalty shall be prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds, followed by a period of such suspension from actual service in the club as the President of the League may fix. In the event of removal of player or manager by either umpire, he shall go direct to the club house and remain there during the progress of the game, or leave the grounds; and a failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the Umpire-in-Chief.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player in the following cases: (1) If the player intentionally discolor or damage the ball; (2) if the player fail to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (3) if the player violate the coaching rules and refuse to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (4) if the captain fail to notify him when one player is substituted for another.

SEC. 3. In cases where substitute players show their disapproval of decisions by yelling from the bench, the

umpire shall first give warning. If the yelling continues he shall fine each offender \$10.00, and if the disturbance is still persisted in he shall clear the bench of all substitute players; the captain of the team, however, to have the privilege of sending to the club house for such substitutes as are actually needed to replace players in the game.

Umpire to Report Violations of the Rules.

RULE 68. The umpire shall within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the President a report of the penalty inflicted and the cause therefor.

RULE 69. Immediately upon being informed by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the President shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member; and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the Secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days after notice, he shall be debarred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine be paid.

RULE 70. When the offense of the player debarred from the game be of a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall within four hours thereafter forward to the President of the League full particulars.

Warning to Captains.

RULE 71. The umpire shall notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be strictly and impartially enforced, and warn them that failure on their part to co-operate in such enforcement will result in offenders being fined, and, if necessary to preserve discipline, debarred from the game.

On Ground Rules.

RULE 72. SECTION 1. Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed.

SEC. 2. In case of spectators overflowing on the playing field, the home captain shall make special ground rules to cover balls batted or thrown into the crowd, provided such rules be acceptable to the captain of the visiting club. If the latter object, then the umpire shall have full authority to make and enforce such special rules, and he shall announce the scope of same to the spectators.

SEC. 3. In all cases where there are no spectators on the playing field, and where a thrown ball goes into a stand for spectators, or over or through any fence surrounding the playing field, or into the players' bench (whether the ball rebounds into the field or not), or remains in the meshes of a wire screen protecting the spectators, the runner or runners shall be entitled to two bases. The umpire in awarding such bases shall be governed by the position of the runner or runners at the time the throw is made.

SEC. 4. The umpire shall also ascertain from the home captain whether any other special ground rules are necessary, and if there be he shall advise the opposing captain of their scope and see that each is duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules and are acceptable to the captain of the visiting team.

Official Announcements.

RULE 73. The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination. Prior to the commencement of the game he shall announce the batteries, and during the progress of the game shall announce each change of players. In case of an overflow crowd, he shall announce the special ground rules agreed upon, and he shall also make announcement of any agreement entered into by the two captains to stop play at a specified hour.

Suspension of Play.

RULE 74. The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes:

1. If rain fall so heavily as in the judgment of the umpire to prevent continuing the game, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

2. In case of an accident which incapacitates him or a player from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules, or in case of fire, panic or other extraordinary circumstances.

3. In suspending play from any legal cause the umpire shall call "Time"; when he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball be held by the pitcher while standing in his position, except that this does not apply to Section 3, Rule 37 nor does it apply in case of fire, panic or storm.

Field Rules.

RULE 75. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game except the players in uniform, the manager of each side, the umpire, such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such watchmen of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 76. No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during a game except in reply to a request for information about the progress or state of the game, or to give the name of a player.

RULE 77. Every club shall furnish sufficient police force to preserve order upon its own grounds, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play until the field be cleared. If the field be not cleared within 15 minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

General Definitions.

RULE 78. "Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game or to resume it after its suspension.

RULE 79. "Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day.

RULE 80. "Game" is the announcement of the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 81. "An inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game and is completed when three of such players have been legally put out.

RULE 82. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner. But a time at bat shall not be charged against a batsman who is awarded first base by the umpire for being hit by a pitched ball, or on called balls, or when he makes a sacrifice hit, or for interference by the catcher.

RULE 83. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

THE SCORING RULES.

RULE 84. To promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions are given and suggestions and definitions made for the guidance of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

The Batsman's Record.

RULE 85. SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the first base hits, if any, made by each player.

The Scoring of Base Hits.

SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders, provided the batter reaches first base safely.

When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player can not recover himself

in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to force out another base-runner.

When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner.

In all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, unless batted by himself, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 53, Section 6.

In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base-runner is forced out by the play.

When a fielder after handling a batted ball, elects to try to retire a base-runner instead of the batter, the play is known as a "fielder's choice." In case the runner is retired, or would be retired but for an error, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit. If the runner is not retired, and no error is made, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit, provided he swung at the ball, and shall be credited with a sacrifice hit, provided he bunted the ball; if, however, in the judgment of the scorer the batter could not have been retired at first base by perfect fielding, he shall be credited with a base hit.

Sacrifice Hits.

SEC. 5. Sacrifice hits shall be placed in the Summary.

A sacrifice hit shall be credited to the batsman who when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in the batsman being put out before reaching first, or would so result if it were handled without error.

A sacrifice hit shall also be credited to a batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, hits a fly ball that is caught but results in a run being scored on the catch, or would in the judgment of the scorer so result if caught.

Fielding Records.

SEC. 6. The number of opponents, if any, put out by each player shall be set down in the fourth column. Where the batsman is given out by the umpire for an illegally

batted ball, or fails to bat in proper order, or is declared out on third bunt strike, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In cases of the base-runner being declared "out" for interference, running out of line, or on an infield fly, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base-runner or the announcement of the umpire.

SEC. 7. The number of times, if any, each player assists in putting out an opponent shall be set down in the fifth column. One assist and no more shall be given to each player who handles the ball in aiding in a run-out or any other play of the kind, even though he complete the play by making the put-out.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the assisting player.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by a team-mate.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base runner being called "out" for interference or for running out of line.

A double play shall mean any two continuous put-outs that take place between the time the ball leaves the pitcher's hands until it is returned to him again standing in the pitcher's box.

Errors.

SEC. 8. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of the batsman or prolongs the life of the base-runner or allows a base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out. But a base on balls, a base awarded to a batsman by being struck by a pitched ball, a balk, a passed ball or wild pitch shall not be included in the sixth column.

An error shall not be charged against the catcher for a wild throw in an attempt to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advance an extra base because of the error.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless

the throw be so wild that an additional base be gained. This, however, does not exempt from an error a player who drops a thrown ball when by holding it he would have completed a double play.

In case a base-runner advance a base through the failure of a baseman to stop or try to stop a ball accurately thrown to his base the latter shall be charged with an error and not the player who made such throw, provided there was occasion for it. If such throw be made to second base the scorer shall determine whether the second baseman or shortstop shall be charged with an error.

In event of a fielder dropping a fly but recovering the ball in time to force a runner at another base, he shall be exempted from an error, the play being scored as a "force-out."

Stolen Bases.

SEC. 9. A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he advances a base unaided by a base hit, a put-out, a fielding or a battery error, subject to the following exceptions:

In event of a double or triple steal being attempted, where either runner is thrown out, the other or others shall not be credited with a stolen base.

In event of a base-runner being touched out after sliding over a base, he shall not be regarded as having stolen the base in question.

In event of a base-runner making his start to steal a base prior to a battery error, he shall be credited with a stolen base and the battery error shall also be charged.

In event of a palpable muff of a ball thrown by the catcher, when the base-runner is clearly blocked, the infielder making the muff shall be charged with an error and the base-runner shall not be credited with a stolen base.

Definition of Wild Pitch and Passed Ball.

SEC. 10. A wild pitch is a legally delivered ball, so high, low or wide of the plate that the catcher cannot or does not stop and control it with ordinary effort, and as a result the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, reaches first base or a base-runner advances.

A passed ball is a legally delivered ball that the catcher should hold or control with ordinary effort, but his failure to do so enables the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, to reach first base or a base-runner to advance.

Definition of Run Earned Off Pitcher.

SEC. 11. A run earned off the pitcher shall be scored every time a player reaches home base by the aid of safe hits, sacrifice hits, stolen bases, bases on balls, hit batsmen, wild pitches and balks, before fielding chances have been offered to retire the side.

The pitcher shall be given the benefit of doubt whenever fielding errors are made and in determining the base to which a runner should have been held with perfect support on part of fielders. A fielding error made by the pitcher shall be considered the same as any other fielding error. No run can be earned that scores as result of batsman having reached first base on a fielding error or passed ball; nor can any run be earned after the fielding side has failed to accept chances offered to retire the side.

To determine the pitcher's percentage for the season, the total number of runs earned off his pitching shall be divided by the total number of innings he has pitched; then multiplied by nine, to find his average effectiveness for a complete game.

The Summary.

The Summary shall contain:

RULE 86.

SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game and the total runs of each side in the game.

SEC. 2. The number of stolen bases, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of sacrifice hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of sacrifice flies, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of two-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of three-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 7. The number of home runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 8. The number of double and triple plays, if any, made by each team and the players participating in same.

SEC. 9. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.

SEC. 10. The number of base hits, if any, made off each pitcher and the number of legal "at bats" scored against each pitcher.

SEC. 11. The number of times, if any, the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.

SEC. 12. The number of times, if any, the pitcher gives bases on balls.

SEC. 13. The number of wild pitches, if any, charged against the pitcher.

SEC. 14. The number of times, if any, the pitcher hits a batsman with a pitched ball, the name or names of the batsman or batsmen so hit to be given.

SEC. 15. The number of passed balls by each catcher.

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Annual Meeting

OF THE

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*Held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City,
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President JOHN K. TENER in the Chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary.

The Clubs were represented as follows:

PERCY D. HAUGHTON, ARTHUR WISE and WALTER E. HAPGOOD, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, representing the Brooklyn National League Base Ball Club.

CHARLES WEEGHMAN and WALTER CRAIGHEAD, representing the Chicago National League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

HARRY N. HEMPSTEAD, N. ASHLEY LLOYD and JOHN B. FOSTER, representing the National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Ball Club.

WILLIAM F. BAKER and CHARLES RUCH, representing the Philadelphia National League Club.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, representing the Pittsburgh Athletic Company.

BRANCH RICKEY, JAMES C. JONES and LON O. HOCKER, representing the St. Louis National Base Ball Club.

The report of the Board of Directors was approved, the same carrying with it the formal award of the 1917 Championship to the New York Club.

The several financial reports of Treasurer John A. Heydler were received and approved.

The Annual Report of President John K. Tener was read and approved.

It was agreed to hold a joint meeting with the American League at Chicago, Friday, December 14, for the purpose of considering conditions brought about by the war.

John K. Tener was unanimously re-elected President for one year.

John A. Heydler was unanimously re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for a term of four years.

Sections 25, 30 and 47 of the Constitution were amended. (See italics, this volume.)

The League voted in favor of continuing the 154-game schedule in 1918.

President Tener submitted a plan for a revision of the distribution of the players' fund of the World's Series, which was unanimously approved and ordered submitted to the American League for consideration.

It was unanimously decided to set apart one day during the 1918 Championship season in each city of the League, on which day 25 per cent of the receipts of the home club be donated to the Clark Griffith Ball and Bat Fund, which fund was created for supplying base ball material to our soldiers and sailors abroad and in local training camps.

Adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.

Special Meeting

OF THE

National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs

*Held on Penna. R. R. Train en route New York to Chicago,
Thursday, December 13, 1917.*

Present:

PERCY D. HAUGHTON, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, representing the Brooklyn National League Base Ball Club.

WALTER CRAIGHEAD, representing the Chicago National League Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

H. N. HEMPSTEAD, representing the National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Ball Club.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, representing the Pittsburgh Athletic Company.

BRANCH RICKEY and LON O. HOCKER, representing the St. Louis National Base Ball Club.

The Philadelphia Club was represented by proxy, held by Mr. Hempstead.

Mr. Herrmann was named as Chairman, and John A. Heydler as Secretary.

The main business of the meeting was consideration of the subjects to be discussed with the American League the day following, namely, the player limit and player contracts, the length of playing schedule, the revision of the players' percentage of the World's Series games, and the uniform collection of the war tax on admissions.

Mr. Heydler, Mr. Foster and Mr. Hapgood were named a committee of the League to gather information relative to the war tax, and report at the February, 1918, meeting.

Joint Meeting

OF

American and National Leagues

Held at Congress Hotel, Chicago, Friday, December 14, 1917.

AUGUST HERRMANN was selected to act as Chairman, and WILLIAM HARRIDGE as Secretary.

Those present were:

American League—President B. B. JOHNSON, CHARLES A. COMISKEY and HARRY GRABINER, ROBT. QUINN, FRANK J. NAVIN, J. C. DUNN, BENJ. S. MINOR, CLARK GRIFFITH and W. H. RAPLEY, THOMAS SHIBE and CONNIE MACK, JACOB RUPPERT and H. H. FRAZEE.

National League—Secretary JOHN A. HEYDLER, PERCY D. HAUGHTON, CHAS. H. EBBETS, H. N. HEMPSTEAD, BARNEY DREYFUSS, AUGUST HERRMANN and HARRY STEPHENS, CHAS. WEEGHMAN and WALTER CRAIGHEAD, and BRANCH RICKEY and LON O. HOCKER.

The present player limit, as provided by the National Agreement, namely, 35 and 25, was maintained.

The opening of the 1918 season was fixed for Tuesday, April 16th, and it was decided to play a schedule of 154 games.

It was agreed to collect, on paid admissions, the exact amount of war tax required by the Government, and from pass holders 10 cents at the time of entering the pass gate.

Messrs. Herrmann and Johnson were appointed a committee of two, with power to act, to work out a plan of permitting other clubs than the two champions to share in the players' receipts of the World's Series.

Reconvened Annual Meeting
AND
Schedule Meeting
OF THE
**National League of Professional
Base Ball Clubs**

*Held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City,
February 12 and 13, 1918.*

President JOHN K. TENER in the Chair; JOHN A. HEYDLER, Secretary.

The Clubs were represented as follows:

PERCY D. HAUGHTON and WALTER E. HAPGOOD, representing the Boston National League Base Ball Company.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, representing the Brooklyn National League Base Ball Club.

WALTER E. CRAIGHEAD, representing the Chicago National League Base Ball Club.

AUGUST HERRMANN, representing the Cincinnati Exhibition Company.

HARRY N. HEMPSTEAD, JOHN B. FOSTER and C. J. SULLIVAN, representing the National Exhibition Company, operating the New York Base Ball Club.

WILLIAM F. BAKER, representing the Philadelphia National League Club.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, representing the Pittsburgh Athletic Company.

BRANCH RICKEY, representing the St. Louis National Base Ball Club.

The 1918 schedule was approved, and a vote of thanks tendered Mr. Dreyfuss, who had prepared the same.

May 15th, in the East, and June 11th, in the West, were set aside for the benefit of the Clark Griffith Bat and Ball Fund. Twenty-five per cent of the admissions of the home club, in each of the eight championship games to be played on those days, is to be donated to this fund for providing recreation for our soldiers and sailors.

A proposition to amend the Constitution so as to eliminate double-headers was lost.

Clause 5, of Section 35, was stricken out, thus allowing withdrawal of waiver claims on all but drafted players.

A proposed amendment to Clause 4 of Section 35, was lost.

Messrs. Dreyfuss, Hempstead and Baker were appointed a special committee to meet with the American League with a view of arriving at a uniform scale of admission prices and the best method of collecting the war taxes thereon.

Messrs. Hempstead, Ebbets and Baker were appointed a special committee, to act with a committee of the American League, to take charge of the Brooklyn and Newark Federal League ball parks.

A set of uniform club rules for the government of players at home and abroad, was adopted.

President Tener announced the membership of the umpire staff for the ensuing season, as follows: Robert D. Emslie, William J. Klem, Charles Rigler, Henry O'Day, William J. Byron, Ernest C. Quigley, Peter A. Harrison and Charles B. Moran.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees:

Constitutional Amendments—August Herrmann, William F. Baker and Chas. Weeghman.

Playing Rules—John K. Tener, John A. Heydler and Barney Dreyfuss.

Meetings
OF THE
Board of Directors
National League of Professional
Base Ball Clubs, 1917-1918

Meetings of the Board of Directors were held on the following dates:

- May 12, 1917—Special Meeting at League Headquarters.
- June 18, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- June 19, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- July 6, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- July 13, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- July 20, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- August 29, 1917—Hearing of John J. McGraw case.
- October 11, 1917—Special Meeting at League Headquarters.
- October 19, 1917—Special Meeting at League Headquarters.
- December 11, 1917—Annual Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.
- December 12, 1917—Special Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.
- February 12, 1918—Special Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Officers and Members

The following is an official list of the Officers of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and Officers of Clubs members thereof for the season of 1918:

President,

HON. JOHN K. TENER,
8 West 40th Street Building,
New York, N. Y.

Secretary-Treasurer,

JOHN A. HEYDLER,
(Address as above).

Board of Directors,

BARNEY DREYFUSS,	WILLIAM F. BAKER,
CHARLES H. EBBETS,	PERCY D. HAUGHTON,
AUGUST HERRMANN,	CHARLES WEEGHMAN,
H. N. HEMPSTEAD,	BRANCH RICKEY.

BOSTON NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL COMPANY,
Braves Field, Boston, Mass.

PERCY D. HAUGHTON, President.
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Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHARLES H. EBBETS, President.
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STEPHEN W. McKEEVER, Treasurer.
CHARLES H. EBBETS, JR., Secretary.

PITTSBURGH ATHLETIC COMPANY,
Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BARNEY DREYFUSS, President.
L. H. CONSTANS, Secretary.

THE CINCINNATI EXHIBITION COMPANY,

OPERATING

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL CLUB,

Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio.

AUGUST HERRMANN, President.

HARRY STEPHENS, Secretary.

LOUIS C. WIDRIG, Treasurer.

CHICAGO NATIONAL LEAGUE BALL CLUB,

Clark and Addison Streets, Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES WEEGHMAN, President.

W. M. WALKER, Vice-President.

ADOLPH SPIELMAN, Secretary.

WALTER CRAIGHEAD, Treasurer and Business Manager.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB, .

1124-25-26 New Stock Exchange Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM F. BAKER, President.

FREDERICK T. CHANDLER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL M. CLEMENT, JR., Secretary.

WILLIAM J. SHETTSLINE, Business Manager.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMPANY,

OPERATING

THE NEW YORK BALL CLUB,

200 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

H. N. HEMPSTEAD, President.

C. J. SULLIVAN, Vice-President.

N. ASHLEY LLOYD, Treasurer.

JOHN B. FOSTER, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS NATIONAL BASE BALL CLUB,

Cardinal Field, St. Louis, Mo.

BRANCH RICKEY, President.

W. G. SCHOFIELD, Secretary.

HIRAM W. MASON, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

Official Club Rosters of 1917

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

NEW YORK.

John J. McGraw, Manager.

Pitchers.....	Fred Anderson J. C. Benton Al Demaree J. B. Middleton	W. D. Perritt Harry Sallee Ferd. M. Schupp	Geo. A. Smith Adam Swigler Chas. Tesreau
Catchers.....	George Gibson Ernest G. Krueger	Lewis McCarty J. J. Onslow	Wm. A. Rariden
Infielders.....	A. W. Baird, Jr. Arthur Fletcher E. M. Hemingway Chas. L. Herzog	Walter Holke Geo. L. Kelly Peter J. Kilduff John B. Lobert	José Rodriguez Jas. L. Smith Henry Zimmerman
Outfielders.....	Geo. J. Burns Bennie Kauff J. J. Murray	Davis Robertson James Thorpe	Jos. W. Wilhoit Ross Young

PHILADELPHIA.

P. J. Moran, Manager.

Pitchers.....	G. C. Alexander Chas. A. Bender Paul Fittery	James Lavender J. Erskine Mayer	Joseph Oeschger Eppa Rixey, Jr.
Catchers.....	John B. Adams	Ed J. Burns	Wm. Killifer, Jr.
Infielders.....	Dave Bancroft Robt. M. Byrne O. J. Dughey	John J. Evers Fred W. Luderus M. A. McGaffigan	John A. Niehoff Harry Pearce Milton J. Stock
Outfielders.....	Claude Cooper C. C. Cravath	Geo. H. Paskert Frank Schulte	Geo. B. Whitted

ST. LOUIS.

Miller J. Huggins, Manager.

Pitchers.....	Leon K. Ames Wm. L. Doak Marvin M. Goodwin Bruce Hitt Oscar Horstman	Jake May Lee Meadows T. M. Mucheson Louis A. North	Eugene Packard Geo. T. Pierce Robt. W. Steele M. W. Watson
Catchers.....	John R. Brock Mike Gonzales	P. J. Livingston Jack Roche	Frank Snyder
Infielders.....	H. D. Baird Albert Betzel Clyde DeFate	Rogers Hornsby Jas. E. McAuley John B. Miller	Eugene Paulette Fred V. Smith R. J. Wallace
Outfielders.....	Rob Bescher Walton E. Cruise	Thos. A. Long Jack Smith	Jas. D. Smyth J. F. Stewart

CINCINNATI.

Christopher Mathewson, Manager.

Pitchers.....	R. Bressler H. O. Eller Joe Engle E. Knetzer C. E. Mitchell	Scott Perry Herman Pillett Mike Regan Jas. Ring	Walter H. Ruether Ray Sanders Peter J. Schneider Fred Toney
Catchers.....	Thos. A. Clarke Emil Huhn	J. H. Smith	Ivey B. Wingo
Infielders.....	Harold H. Chase Gustave Getz	Henry K. Groh Wm. L. Kopf	W. B. McKechnie David W. Shean
Outfielders.....	Manuel Cueto Thos. H. Griffith	Sherwood R. Magee A. Earl Neale	Ed J. Roush James Thorpe

CHICAGO.

Fred Mitchell, Manager.

Pitchers.....	Victor Aldridge Al Demaree Paul W. Carter Phil Douglas	Claude R. Hendrix Eugene Packard Mike Prendergast Walter H. Ruether	Thomas Seaton James Vaughn James Walker H. A. Weaver
Catchers.....	Jas. P. Archer E. S. Blackburn	Wm. Dillhoefer Harold Elliott	Robert O'Farrell Arthur E. Wilson
Infielders.....	Chas. A. Deal Larry Doyle J. L. Driscoll Herbert H. Hunter	Peter J. Kilduff Roy Leslie Fred C. Merkle Chas. E. Pechous	Victor Saier Wm. L. Wortman Rollie H. Zeider
Outfielders....	Turner Barber Max Black Leslie Mann	Wm. E. Mariott Maurice Schick Fred Williams	Harry Wolfe Harry Wolter

BOSTON.

George Stallings, Manager.

Pitchers.....	Frank L. Allen Jesse L. Barnes Cal Crum Thos. Hughes	Arthur N. Nehf D. C. P. Ragan Ed M. Reulbach Richard Rudolph	Jack Scott Geo. A. Tyler Ed A. Walsh
Catchers.....	Harry M. Gowdy Fred Jacklitsch	John T. Meyers Arthur F. Rico	W. J. Tragesser
Infielders.....	Clarence Covington John J. Evers Ed H. Fitzpatrick	Ed J. Konetchy Walter Maranville W. H. Massey	John Rawlings Henry Schreiber J. Carlisle Smith
Outfielders....	Fred M. Bailey Larry Chappelle J. Edgar Collins	Jos. H. Kelly Sherwood Magee Ray Powell	Walter P. Rehg George Twombly Jos. W. Wilhoit

BROOKLYN.

Wilbert Robinson, Manager.

Pitchers.....	Leon J. Cadore Larry Cheney John W. Coombs Wm. G. Dell	R. K. Durning Richard Marquard John Miljus Ed J. Pfeffer	J. A. Russell Sherrod M. Smith Paul Wachtel
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BROOKLYN—Continued.

Catchers.....	Ernest Krueger John T. Meyers	Otto Miller J. W. Snyder	Mack Wheat
Infielders.....	Geo. W. Outshaw Jake Daubert Lavern Fabrique	Wm. W. Leard Fred C. Merkle Harry Mowrey	Ivan Olson Frank J. O'Rourke
Outfielders....	D. J. Hickman, Jr. James H. Johnston Harry H. Myers	Jas. Smyth Chas. D. Stengel	Zack Wheat Lewis A. Malone

PITTSBURGH.

James Callahan and Hugo Bezdek, Managers.

Pitchers.....	Harold Carlson A. W. Cooper W. J. Evans	B. A. Grimes Elmer Jacobs A. L. Mamaux	Frank Miller Elmer Ponder Robt. W. Steele
Catchers.....	F. W. Blackwell Wm. O. Fischer	Walter Schmidt W. J. Smith	Wm. J. Wagner
Infielders.....	H. D. Baird Norman Boeckel Anthony Brief Jas. W. Caton Adam Debus William Gleason	Geo. L. Kelly A. G. McCarthy Ray D. Miller Fred Mollwitz Jake Pitler A. E. Reilly	John H. Wagner Chas. W. Ward Hoke H. Warner W. J. Webb Harry Wolfe
Outfielders....	Jesse H. Altenberg Carson L. Bigbee Max G. Carey Don Flynn	William Hinchman Chas. H. Jackson Lee King	Frank M. Schulte Jos. W. Wilhoit Ben W. Shaw

NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES, 1917.

William E. Bransfield	Peter A. Harrison	A. L. Orth
William J. Byron	William J. Klem	Ernest C. Quigley
Robert D. Emslie	Henry O'Day	Charles Rigler

OFFICIAL NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1918

	AT BOSTON	AT BROOKLYN	AT NEW YORK	AT PHILADELPHIA	AT PITTSBURGH	AT CINCINNATI	AT CHICAGO	AT ST. LOUIS
BOSTON.....	April 20,30 May 1,2 May 29,[30,30],31 Oct. 4,*5	April 20,22,23 Aug. *10,12,13 Sept. 30 Oct. 1,2,3	April 16,17,18,19 July 3,14,41 Aug. 29,30,31 Sept. 13	April 16,17,18,19 June 19,20,21,22 Aug. 29,30,31 Sept. 2,2,3,4	May 24,25,27,28 July 6,8,9,22 Aug. 21,22,23	May 20,21,22,23 July 18,19,20,21 Aug. 24,25,26	May 11,12,13,14 July 10,11,12,13 Aug. 18,19,20	May 15,16,17,18,19 July 14,15,16,17 Aug. 16,17
BROOKLYN.....	May 7,8,9 June 28,29 July 1,2 Sept. 5,6,7,9	April 16,17,18,19 July 3,14,41 Aug. 29,30,31 Sept. 13	April 16,17,18,19 July 3,14,41 Aug. 29,30,31 Sept. 13	April 20,22,23 June 24,25,26,27 Sept. [2,2],3,4	May 15,16,17,18 July 15,16,17 Aug. 15,16,*17	May 11,12,13,14 July 10,11,12,13 Aug. 18,19,20	May 20,21,22,23 July 18,19,20,21 Aug. 24,25,26	May 24,25,26,27 July 6,7,8,9 Aug. 21,22,23
NEW YORK.....	May 3,4,6 June 24,25,26,27 Sept. [2,2],3,4	April 24,25,26,27 June 19,20,21,22 Sept. 10,11,12	April 29,30 May 1,2 May 29,[30,30],31 Oct. 4,*5	April 29,30 May 1,2 May 29,[30,30],31 Oct. 4,*5	May 10,11,13,14 July 5,10,11,12,13 Aug. 19,20	May 15,16,17,18,19 July 14,15,16,17 Aug. 16,17	May 24,25,26,27 July 6,7,8,9 Aug. 21,22,23	May 20,21,22,23 July 18,19,20,21 Aug. 24,25,26
PHILADELPHIA.....	April 24,25,26,27 July 3,[4,4] Sept. 10,11,12,13	May 3,4,6 Aug. 10,12,13,14 Sept. 30 Oct. 1,2,3	May 7,8,9 June 28,29 July 1,2 Sept. 5,6,7,9	June 15,17,18 Aug. 6,7,8,9 Sept. 25,26,27,28	May 20,21,22,23 July 18,19,20 Aug. 24,26,27,28	May 24,25,26,27 July 6,7,8,9 Aug. 21,22,23	May 15,16,17,18,19 July 14,15,16,17 Aug. 16,17	May 11,12,13,14 July 10,11,12,13 Aug. 18,19,20
PITTSBURGH.....	June 1,2,3,5 Aug. 12,23,24 Sept. 21,23,24	June 6,7,8,10 July 23,24,25,26 Sept. 14,16,17	June 1,3,4,5 July 27,29,30,31 Sept. 18,19,20	June 1,3,4,5 July 27,29,30,31 Sept. 18,19,20	April 16,17,18,19 May 5 June 23,24,25,26 Sept. 8,29	April 28,29,30 May 1 Aug. 11,12,13,14 Sept. 1, Oct. 5,6	May 23,4 May 28,29,[30,30] Aug. 28,29,30,31	April 20,21,22,23 June 27,28,29,30 Sept. 9,10,11
CINCINNATI.....	June 6,7,8,10 July 24,*25,26 Sept. 14,16,17	June 11,12,13,14 Aug. 1,2,3,5 Sept. 21,23,24	June 15,17,18 Aug. 6,7,8,9 Sept. 25,26,27,28	June 1,3,4,5 July 27,29,30,31 Sept. 18,19,20	April 25,26,27 July 2,3,[4,4] Sept. 4,5,6,7	May 23,4 May 28,29,[30,30] Aug. 28,29,30,31	May 6,7,8,9,10 June 20,21,22 Aug. 13,14,15	May 6,7,8,9,10 June 20,21,22 Aug. 13,14,15
CHICAGO.....	June 1,3,4,5 July 27,29,30,31 Sept. 18,19,20	June 15,17,18 Aug. 1,2,3,5 Sept. 21,23,24	June 11,12,13,14 Aug. 1,2,3,5 Sept. 21,23,24	June 6,7,8,10 July 24,*25,26 Sept. 14,16,17	May 7,8,9 June 19,20,21,22 Aug. 10 Sept. [2,2],3	April 20,21,22,23 June 27,28,29,30 Sept. 9,10,11	April 16,17,18,19 July 2,3,[4,4],5 Sept. 7,8	April 16,17,18,19 July 2,3,[4,4],5 Sept. 7,8
ST. LOUIS.....	June 15,17,17,18 Aug. 6,7,8 Sept. 25,26,27,28	June 1,3,4,5 July 27,29,30,31 Sept. 18,19,20	June 6,7,8,10 July 24,*25,26 Sept. 14,16,17	June 11,12,13,14 Aug. 1,2,3,5 Sept. 21,23,24	May 23,4 May 29,[30,30],31 Aug. 29,30,*31	April 28,29,30 May 1; Aug. 10,11 Sept. 1,[2,2] Oct. 5,6	April 24,25,26,27 May 5 June 23,24,25,26 Sept. 4,5	April 24,25,26,27 May 5 June 23,24,25,26 Sept. 4,5

Figures in brackets denote holidays—morning and afternoon games; Star (*) indicates double header.

National League

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

1871—Athletics .....	.759	1887—Detroit .....	.637	1902—Pittsburgh ....	.741
1872—Boston .....	.830	1888—New York .....	.641	1903—Pittsburgh ....	.650
1873—Boston .....	.729	1889—New York .....	.659	1904—New York .....	.693
1874—Boston .....	.717	1890—Brooklyn .....	.667	1905—New York .....	.668
1875—Boston .....	.899	1891—Boston .....	.639	1906—Chicago .....	.765
1876—Chicago .....	.788	1892—Boston .....	.686	1907—Chicago .....	.704
1877—Boston .....	.646	1893—Boston .....	.667	1908—Chicago .....	.643
1878—Boston .....	.683	1894—Baltimore .....	.695	1909—Pittsburgh ....	.724
1879—Providence ....	.702	1895—Baltimore .....	.639	1910—Chicago .....	.676
1880—Chicago .....	.798	1896—Baltimore .....	.698	1911—New York .....	.647
1881—Chicago .....	.667	1897—Boston .....	.795	1912—New York .....	.682
1882—Chicago .....	.655	1898—Boston .....	.685	1913—New York .....	.664
1883—Boston .....	.643	1899—Brooklyn .....	.682	1914—Boston .....	.614
1884—Providence ....	.750	1900—Brooklyn .....	.603	1915—Philadelphia ..	.592
1885—Chicago .....	.770	1901—Pittsburgh ....	.647	1916—Brooklyn .....	.610
1886—Chicago .....	.726				

STANDING OF CLUBS AT CLOSE OF SEASON.

Club.	N. Y.	Phila.	St. L.	Cinc.	Chic.	Bost.	Brook.	Pitts.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York .....	..	14	14	11	15	15	13	16	98	56	.636
Philadelphia	8	..	13	14	16	11	11	14	87	65	.572
St. Louis	8	9	..	13	12	15	11	14	82	70	.539
Cincinnati	11	8	9	..	14	12	12	12	78	76	.506
Chicago	7	6	10	8	..	11	15	17	74	80	.481
Boston	7	11	6	10	11	..	13	14	72	81	.471
Brooklyn	9	9	10	10	7	9	..	16	70	81	.464
Pittsburgh	6	8	8	10	5	8	6	..	51	103	.331
Lost	56	65	70	76	80	81	81	103	612	612	

Protested game—Philadelphia at Boston, April 17; replayed September 12 and won by Philadelphia.

Games remaining unplayed—At Philadelphia, September 14 and 15, with Brooklyn; at St. Louis, September 19, with Brooklyn.

Two hundred and forty-four players were engaged in the 1917 championship campaign of the National League. Of this number 170 participated in the minimum of fifteen games required for rating in the official averages, with two young stars—Roush (24) and Hornsby (21)—heading the list.

Six players reached the .300 class, as against nine in 1916. This decrease, however, was more than offset by the gain in .290 hitters, there being seven the past season, as against one in 1916.

The new champion, Ed J. Roush, was born in Oakland City, Ind., May 8, 1893, and is one of the youngest players to win the championship title. He started his professional career in 1912 with the Evansville, Ind., club. The following year he graduated to the Chicago Americans, but was sent to the Lincoln, Neb., team for further experience. In 1914 he joined the Indianapolis Federal club, and was transferred to the Newark Federals in 1915. In 1916 New York secured his services, and later turned him over to Cincinnati in an exchange that also included Mathewson and Herzog. Roush throws and bats left-handed; is 5.11 in height and weighs about 175 pounds. In winning the title, Roush faced opposing pitchers 567 times. He reached first 27 times on bases on balls; 5 times on being hit by pitched balls, and 8 times as result of fielding errors. He made 141 single

base hits, 19 doubles, 14 triples and 4 home runs. His sacrifice hits were 13, and he struck out but 24 times in 136 games.

The leading run-scorer was George Burns, with 103. Max Carey led the base runners with 46 stolen bases, George Burns being the next with 40, and Kauff third with 30. Charles Deal had most sacrifice hits—29.

Roush and Kauff tied for greatest number of single safe hits, each having 141. Groh led in two-base hits with 39; Hornsby in three-base hits with 17, and Cravath and Robertson had 12 home runs apiece. The hard-hitting Cravath led all others in extra bases made on long hits with the substantial total of 97.

In team aggregates the champion New Yorks led in runs scored with 635, and also led in base-stealing with 162 steals. The champions also made most single hits—1,080. Philadelphia led in doubles with 225; Cincinnati in triples with 100 and New York in home runs with 39, of which 21 were made at home and 18 on foreign grounds. Cincinnati, with 474 extra bases scored on long hits, led the league in this respect. Chicago made most sacrifice hits, namely, 202.

Luderus was the only player to participate in all 154 games played by his club. Groh played in 156 of the 157 games played by Cincinnati, and Carey in 155 of 157 played by Pittsburgh.

Based solely on the season's averages, the strongest batting club would consist of Packard, pitcher; Thomas Clarke, catcher; Chase or Holke, first base; Cutshaw, second; Groh, third; Hornsby, short; Roush, Wheat and Kauff in the outfield. The team average would be .301—this despite the fact that the leading hitter of the second basemen is forty-sixth on the list with .259.

An added feature of the 1917 averages is the noting of right and left-handed batsmen; "l" and "r" denotes that the batsman turn to right when facing left-handed pitchers. The standing follows:

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PO.
Ed Roush, Cincinnati.....l	136	522	82	178	237	19	14	4	13	21	.341
Roger Hornsby, St. Louis.....r	145	523	86	171	253	24	17	8	17	17	.327
Zack Wheat, Brooklyn.....l	109	362	38	113	153	15	11	1	3	5	.312
Bennie Kauff, New York.....l	153	559	89	172	217	22	4	5	21	30	.308
Henry Groh, Cincinnati.....r	156	599	91	182	246	39	11	1	7	15	.304
George Burns, New York.....r	152	597	103	180	246	25	13	5	5	40	.302
H. Zimmerman, New York.....r	150	585	61	174	229	22	9	5	18	13	.297
Jack Smith, St. Louis.....l	137	462	64	137	184	16	11	3	14	25	.297
Max Carey, Pittsburgh.....l-r	155	588	82	174	222	21	12	1	12	46	.296
Walton Cruise, St. Louis.....l	153	529	70	156	211	20	10	5	21	16	.295
J. C. Smith, Boston.....r	147	505	60	149	198	31	6	2	21	16	.295
A. E. Neale, Cincinnati.....l-r	121	385	40	113	154	14	9	3	6	25	.294
Thomas Clarke, Cincinnati.....r	58	110	11	32	44	3	3	1	..	2	.291
Eugene Packard, Chi. 2, St. L. 36.l	38	52	4	15	17	2	..	..	..	..	.288
William Fischer, Pittsburgh.....l	95	245	25	70	92	9	2	3	4	11	.286
J. Wilhoit, Bos 54, Pit 9, NY 34.l	97	246	29	70	84	7	2	1	10	5	.285
George Whitted, Philadelphia...r	149	553	69	155	206	24	9	3	28	10	.280
C. C. Cravath, Philadelphia.....r	140	503	70	141	238	29	16	12	16	6	.280
S. Magee, Boston 72, Cin. 45.....r	117	383	41	107	142	16	8	1	18	11	.279
Clarence Mitchell, Cincinnati....l	47	90	13	25	28	3	..	..	2	..	.278
Walter Holke, New York.....l-r	153	527	55	146	178	12	7	2	17	13	.277
Hal Chase, Cincinnati.....r	152	602	71	167	237	23	15	4	10	21	.277
William Killifer, Philadelphia...r	125	409	23	112	124	12	..	..	9	4	.274
Leslie Mann, Chicago.....r	117	444	63	121	163	19	10	1	13	14	.273
Ed Konetchy, Boston.....r	130	474	56	129	180	19	13	2	11	16	.272
Ray Powell, Boston.....l	88	357	42	97	127	10	4	4	7	12	.272
William Haiden, New York.....r	101	266	20	72	84	10	1	..	5	8	.271

INDIVIDUAL BATTING—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PO.
Thomas Griffith, Cincinnati.....l	115	363	45	98	133	18	7	1	10	5	.270
James Johnston, Brooklyn.....l-r	103	330	33	89	107	10	4	..	14	16	.270
Walter Rehg, Boston.....r	87	341	48	92	119	12	6	1	12	13	.270
Ivan Olson, Brooklyn.....r	139	580	64	156	190	18	5	2	15	6	.269
Harry Myers, Brooklyn.....r	120	471	37	126	164	15	10	1	18	5	.268
Ivey Wingo, Cincinnati.....l	121	399	37	106	150	16	11	2	7	9	.266
Eugene Paulette, St. Louis.....r	95	332	32	88	123	21	7	..	10	9	.265
John Wagner, Pittsburgh.....r	74	230	15	61	70	7	1	..	9	5	.265
Norman Boeckel, Pittsburgh.....r	64	219	16	58	71	11	1	..	9	6	.265
Milton Stock, Philadelphia.....r	150	564	76	149	197	27	6	3	23	25	.264
F. Merkle, Brook. 2, Chi. 146.....r	148	557	66	147	205	31	9	3	13	13	.264
M. Gonzales, St. Louis.....r	106	290	28	76	89	8	1	1	9	12	.262
Fred Luderus, Philadelphia.....l	154	522	57	136	183	24	4	5	14	5	.261
Jake Daubert, Brooklyn.....l	125	468	59	122	140	4	4	2	25	11	.261
Leon Cadore, Brooklyn.....r	37	92	5	24	30	4	1	..	5	1	.261
Arthur Fletcher, New York.....r	151	557	70	145	191	24	5	4	9	12	.260
W. Maranville, Boston.....r	142	561	69	146	200	19	13	3	10	27	.260
Davis Robertson, New York.....l	142	532	64	138	208	16	9	12	16	17	.259
George Cutshaw, Brooklyn.....r	135	487	42	126	169	17	7	4	19	22	.259
Charles Stengel, Brooklyn.....l	150	549	69	141	206	23	12	6	8	18	.257
Peter Kilduff, N.Y. 31, Chi. 56.....r	87	280	35	72	97	12	5	1	11	13	.257
Fred Mollwitz, Pittsburgh.....r	36	140	15	36	42	4	1	..	8	4	.257
John Rawlings, Boston.....r	122	371	37	95	118	9	4	2	13	12	.256
Claude Hendrix, Chicago.....r	48	86	7	22	27	3	1	..	4	1	.256
William Kopf, Cincinnati.....l-r	148	573	81	146	187	19	8	2	23	17	.255
H. Baird, Pitt. 43, St.L. 104.....r	147	499	55	127	178	25	13	..	24	26	.255
John Niehoff, Philadelphia.....r	114	361	30	92	123	17	4	2	15	8	.255
Larry Doyle, Chicago.....l	135	476	48	121	168	19	5	6	26	5	.254
Charles Deal, Chicago.....r	135	449	46	114	131	11	3	..	29	10	.254
W. McKechnie, Cincinnati.....l-r	48	134	11	34	39	3	1	..	3	5	.254
Ed Fitzpatrick, Boston.....r	63	178	20	45	61	8	4	..	8	4	.253
George Paskert, Philadelphia.....r	141	546	78	137	198	27	11	4	9	19	.251
Harold Elliott, Chicago.....r	85	223	18	56	74	8	5	..	8	4	.251
W. Ruether, Chi. 31, Cin. 19.....l	50	68	4	17	26	3	3	..	1	1	.250
Mike Prendergast, Chicago.....r	35	28	1	7	9	2	..	..	..	..	.250
Harry Wolter, Chicago.....l	117	353	44	88	117	15	7	..	9	7	.249
Lee King, Pittsburgh.....r	111	381	32	95	122	14	5	1	10	8	.249
John Miller, St. Louis.....r	148	544	61	135	174	15	9	2	18	14	.248
Max Flack, Chicago.....l	131	447	65	111	143	18	7	..	12	17	.248
Lewis McCarty, New York.....r	56	162	15	40	53	3	2	2	4	1	.247
Robert Steele, St.L. 12, Pitt. 33.....l	45	89	8	22	26	2	1	..	1	1	.247
Walter Schmidt, Pittsburgh.....r	72	183	9	45	52	7	..	..	6	4	.246
Dave Bancroft, Philadelphia.....l-r	127	478	56	116	160	22	5	4	18	14	.243
Rollie Zeider, Chicago.....r	108	354	36	86	104	14	2	..	9	17	.243
E. Krueger, N.Y. 8, Brook. 31.....r	39	91	10	22	31	2	2	1	1	1	.242
Fred Williams, Chicago.....l	138	468	53	113	158	22	4	5	26	8	.241
Charles Jackson, Pittsburgh.....l	41	121	7	29	36	3	2	..	2	4	.240
Carlson Bigbee, Pittsburgh.....l	133	469	46	112	135	11	6	..	19	19	.239
Jesse Barnes, Boston.....r	53	101	4	24	27	1	1	..	1	..	.238
Tom Seaton, Chicago.....r	16	21	2	5	6	1	..	..	1	..	.238
Frank Snyder, St. Louis.....r	115	313	18	74	90	9	2	1	4	4	.237
James Thorpe, Cin. 77, N.Y. 26.....r	103	308	41	73	110	5	10	4	13	12	.237
Frank O'Rourke, Brooklyn.....r	64	198	18	47	56	7	1	..	7	11	.237
Charles Ward, Pittsburgh.....r	125	423	25	100	118	12	3	..	20	5	.236
Charles Herzog, New York.....r	114	417	69	98	130	10	8	2	16	12	.235
Jake Pitler, Pittsburgh.....r	109	382	39	89	107	8	5	..	20	6	.233
Thomas Long, St. Louis.....r	144	530	49	123	172	12	14	3	12	21	.232
B. Grimes, Pittsburgh.....r	42	69	7	16	19	3	..	..	4	2	.232
George Tyler, Boston.....l	61	134	8	31	35	4	..	..	7	..	.231
Otto Miller, Brooklyn.....r	92	274	19	63	79	5	4	1	11	5	.220
Charles Tesreau, New York.....r	33	61	4	14	16	..	1	..	3	1	.230

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Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PO.
Richard Rudolph, Boston.....r	32	87	4	20	24	2	1	..	7	2	.230
Adam Debus, Pittsburgh.....r	38	131	9	30	43	5	4	..	2	2	.229
James Smith, New York.....l-r	36	96	12	22	29	5	1	..	4	6	.229
John Coombs, Brooklyn.....r	32	44	4	10	12	..	1	..	1	1	.227
Albert Mamaux, Pittsburgh.....r	16	31	3	7	7	..	..	..	1	..	.226
John Meyers, Brook. 47; Bos. 25.r	72	200	13	45	60	7	4	..	6	4	.225
Joseph Kelly, Boston.....r	116	445	41	99	133	9	8	3	16	21	.222
Walter Tragesser, Boston.....r	98	297	23	66	80	10	2	..	9	5	.222
Harry Sallee, New York.....r	34	77	7	17	17	..	..	..	6	..	.221
David Hickman, Brooklyn.....r	114	370	46	81	122	15	4	6	11	14	.219
Alex McCarthy, Pittsburgh.....r	49	151	15	33	37	4	..	..	5	1	.219
Albert Betzel, St. Louis.....r	106	328	24	71	84	4	3	1	8	9	.217
Anthony Brief, Pittsburgh.....r	36	115	15	25	38	5	1	2	9	4	.217
Grover Alexander, Philadelphia.r	47	139	17	30	45	8	2	1	7	1	.216
F. Schulte, Pitt. 30, Phil. 64...l	94	252	32	54	74	15	1	1	5	9	.214
Harry Mowrey, Brooklyn.....r	83	271	20	58	77	9	5	..	7	7	.214
John Evers, Bos. 24, Phil. 56...l	80	266	25	57	67	5	1	1	8	9	.214
Harry Gowdy, Boston.....r	49	154	12	33	40	7	..	..	6	2	.214
Arthur Wilson, Chicago.....r	81	211	17	45	64	9	2	2	7	6	.213
Dave Shean, Cincinnati.....r	131	442	36	93	118	9	5	2	17	10	.210
John Adams, Philadelphia.....r	43	107	4	22	31	4	1	1	4	..	.206
Larry Cheney, Brooklyn.....r	35	68	5	14	21	3	2	..	1	..	.206
William Wagner, Pittsburgh...r	53	151	15	31	42	7	2	..	7	1	.205
Lavern Fabrique, Brooklyn.....r	25	88	8	18	24	3	..	1	1	..	.205
Charles Bender, Philadelphia...r	20	39	3	8	11	..	..	1	..	..	.205
A. W. Cooper, Pittsburgh.....r	41	103	8	21	28	5	1	..	2	..	.204
Edw. Burns, Philadelphia.....r	20	49	2	10	11	1	..	..	1	2	.204
Manuel Cusato, Cincinnati.....r	56	140	10	28	34	3	..	1	3	4	.200
Richard Marquard, Brooklyn..l-r	37	75	6	15	17	2	..	..	3	1	.200
Mike Regan, Cincinnati.....r	33	75	5	15	17	2	..	..	..	1	.200
W. Massey, Boston.....l	31	91	12	18	18	..	..	..	7	2	.198
Clarence Covington, Boston.....l	17	66	8	13	18	2	..	1	3	1	.197
Oscar Horstman, St. Louis.....r	35	46	1	9	11	2	..	..	2	..	.196
J. E. Mayer, Philadelphia.....r	28	51	7	10	11	1	..	..	5	..	.196
Emil Huhn, Cincinnati.....r	23	51	2	10	15	1	2	..	1	1	.196
Sherrod Smith, Brooklyn.....r	43	77	3	15	25	2	4	..	1	1	.195
Oscar Dugey, Philadelphia.....r	44	72	12	14	20	4	1	..	2	2	.194
John Lobert, New York.....r	50	52	4	10	14	1	..	1	1	2	.192
Fred Bailey, Boston.....l	50	110	9	21	28	2	1	1	2	3	.191
Eppa Rixey, Philadelphia.....r	39	94	3	18	20	2	..	..	6	..	.191
William Hinchman, Pittsburgh..r	69	244	27	46	67	5	5	2	4	5	.189
Jas. Smyth, Brook. 29, St.L. 38.l	67	96	10	18	22	..	4	..	2	3	.188
Leon Ames, St. Louis.....r	43	64	3	12	17	1	2	..	3	..	.188
George Twombly, Boston.....r	32	102	8	19	22	1	1	..	6	4	.186
Fred Smith, St. Louis.....r	56	165	11	30	37	..	2	1	3	4	.183
Elmer Jacobs, Pittsburgh.....r	38	67	3	12	14	2	..	..	3	..	.179
William Wortman, Chicago.....r	75	190	24	33	39	4	1	..	12	6	.174
Frank Allen, Boston.....r	29	29	2	5	5	..	..	..	1	1	.173
Arthur Nehf, Boston.....l	38	70	8	12	19	3	2	..	3	1	.171
George Gibson, New York.....r	35	82	1	14	17	3	..	..	2	1	.171
Paul Carter, Chicago.....l	23	35	4	6	7	1	..	..	1	..	.171
Pete Schneider, Cincinnati.....r	49	114	10	19	30	4	2	1	2	..	.167
J. Benton, New York.....r	35	72	1	12	15	1	1	..	5	..	.167
Marty McGaffigan, Philadelphia.r	19	60	5	10	11	1	..	..	6	1	.167
Ferdinand Schupp, New York...r	36	93	6	15	19	2	1	..	1	..	.161
James Vaughn, Chicago.....l-r	41	100	7	16	20	2	1	..	2	1	.160
William Perritt, New York.....r	35	70	4	11	12	1	..	..	2	..	.157
Bob Beschler, St. Louis.....l-r	42	110	10	17	23	1	1	1	3	8	.155
James Lavender, Philadelphia..r	23	36	1	5	6	1	..	..	2	..	.139
Victor Aldridge, Chicago.....r	30	29	3	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	.138
Horace Miller, Cincinnati.....r	37	45	..	6	6	..	..	..	3	..	.133

INDIVIDUAL BATTING—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
Mack Wheat, Brooklyn.....r	29	60	2	8	9	1	..	..	1	1	.133
Ed Pfeffer, Brooklyn.....r	31	100	7	13	15	..	1	..	5	..	.130
Phil Douglas, Chicago.....r	51	87	3	11	13	..	1	..	7	..	.126
William Doak, St. Louis.....r	44	95	5	12	13	1	..	..	2	..	.126
William Dillhoefer, Chicago.....r	42	95	3	12	15	1	1	..	7	1	.126
D. C. P. Ragan, Boston.....r-l	30	48	3	6	11	2	..	1	3	..	.125
Harold Carlson, Pittsburgh.....r	34	49	..	6	8	..	1	..	3	..	.122
Al Demaree, Ohl. 24, N.Y. 15-l-r	39	59	2	7	7	..	..	..	4	1	.119
Frank Miller, Pittsburgh.....r	39	76	..	9	11	..	1	..	5	..	.118
Joe Oeschger, Philadelphia.....r	43	88	8	10	12	2	..	..	2	..	.114
Fred Toney, Cincinnati.....r	43	116	5	13	15	2	..	..	9	1	.112
Claude Cooper, Philadelphia.....l	24	29	5	3	4	1	..	..	1	..	.103
Lee Meadows, St. Louis.....l	43	89	5	9	10	1	..	..	7	..	.101
M. W. Watson, St. Louis.....r	41	51	5	5	6	1	..	..	1	..	.098
Paul Fittery, Philadelphia.....l-r	19	22	3	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	.091
James Ring, Cincinnati.....r	24	26	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	.077
Fred Anderson, New York.....r	33	42	2	3	3	..	..	..	5	..	.071
George Kelly, N.Y. 11, Pitt. 8-r	19	30	2	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	.067
William Dell, Brooklyn.....r	17	16	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	.063
John Murray, New York.....r	22	22	1	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	.045
Jake May, St. Louis.....r	15	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.000

CLUB BATTING.

Club.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	2B.	3B.	HR.	SH.	SB.	PC.
Cincinnati	157	5251	601	1385	1859	196	100	26	131	153	.264
New York	158	5211	635	1360	1789	170	71	39	151	162	.261
St. Louis	154	5033	531	1271	1694	159	93	26	160	159	.250
Philadelphia	154	5084	578	1262	1721	225	60	38	186	109	.248
Brooklyn	156	5251	511	1299	1689	159	78	25	162	130	.247
Boston	157	5201	536	1280	1665	169	75	22	182	155	.246
Chicago	157	5135	552	1229	1608	194	67	17	202	127	.239
Pittsburgh	157	5169	464	1230	1539	160	61	9	174	150	.238

The Official Fielding Averages of the National League for the season of 1917 show substantial improvement in this department by comparison with the 1916 ratings. The total fielding chances offered the past season were 52,196, of which unusually large total all but 1,875 were cleanly played. In the season of 1916 the total chances offered were 51,732 and the misplays 1,939. The Boston, Brooklyn and Cincinnati clubs increased their respective error totals over their 1916 figures, but these lapses were more than offset by the improved defensive work of the five other clubs.

The champions led the league in fielding and were charged with the lowest number of errors—208. The New York catchers also marked up an unusually low record of passed balls, with seven for 158 games. St. Louis had the greatest number of fielding chances, namely, 6,680; Pittsburgh the lowest with 6,460.

New York played 45 errorless games; Philadelphia 43; St. Louis 37; Boston and Pittsburgh 35 each; Cincinnati and Brooklyn 34 each, and Chicago 33.

In individual play, John Miller led the first basemen with an average of .998, with Holke credited with the greatest number of chances offered—1,724. Miller's record of one error in 545 chances is noteworthy.

The second basemen were led by John Rawlings of Boston, a newcomer, with 467 accepted chances out of 478 offered in 96 games. Dave Shean had 774 chances—the top figure—of which he missed 30.

Henry Groh played in 154 games at third and headed all others in that position with an average of .966, he making but 18 errors in more than half a thousand opportunities. Baird had most chances offered (530), followed by Zimmerman with 525.

At shortstop, John Rawlings again appears in first place. The honors, however, belong to Arthur Fletcher, with Maranville following. The first named had 880 chances offered, of which he accepted all but 39. William Kopf, playing his first complete season, had 814 chances in 145 games.

Charles Jackson of Pittsburgh heads the outfielders, being charged with but one error in 36 games. George Paskert, having played in 138 contests, is entitled to the leadership. Max Carey had the unusually large total of 478 chances, of which he accepted all but 10. Charles Stengel is first with 30 assists from the outfield, Carey following with 28.

The catchers were led in fielding by John Adams of Philadelphia, who misplayed but one of the 171 chances offered. William Killifer and Ivey Wingo each caught 120 games, the former having greatest number of chances—765. Lew McCarty had but one passed ball in 54 games; Hank Gowdy, one in 49 games, and George Gibson, one in 35 games.

The pitchers were led by Eppa Rixey and Al Demaree, with perfect fielding in 39 games each, the left-hander being credited with the post of honor by reason of his 108 chances as against Demaree's 72. Alexander had most chances (133), with one error; followed by Barnes of Boston, with one misplay in 115 chances.

Harry H. Myers of Brooklyn secured records in four different positions—outfield, and at first, second and third base. Zeider of Chicago is rated in the second and third base and shortstop standings, and Fitzpatrick of Boston appears among the outfielders and second and third basemen.

John (Honus) Wagner's 1917 record shows he played in 47 games at first, where he accepted 455 out of 462 chances. He also played in 13 games at third, where he made three misplays in 58 chances.

The left-hand throwing outfielders and first basemen, as well as the left-hand pitchers, are so noted in the tables for the first time.

The official individual and club averages for 1917 follow:

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
J. Miller, St. Louis..	46	518	26	1	.998	A. Brief, Pitts.....	34	309	22	4	.988
E. Konetchy, Boston.	129	1351	70	8	.994	J. Wagner, Pitts.....	47	433	22	7	.985
F. Mollwitz, Pitts...	36	341	17	2	.994	H. Chase, Cin.....	161	1499	80	28	.983
C. Covington, Boston	17	168	9	1	.994	F. Merkle, Brk-Chi..	142	1438	67	26	.983
E. Paulette, St. L...	93	1130	45	8	.983	M. Gonzalez, St. L...	18	203	13	4	.982
F. Luderus, Phila....	154	1597	91	16	.991	W. Hinchman, Pitts.	20	176	13	5	.974
J. Daubert, Brook...l	125	1188	82	12	.991	H. Myers, Brooklyn..	22	188	13	6	.971
W. Holke, N.Y.....l	153	1635	70	19	.989						

Merkle played 2 games with Brooklyn and 140 with Chicago.

SECOND BASEMEN.

J. Rawlings, Boston.	96	177	290	11	.977	L. Doyle, Chicago....	128	300	348	33	.962
R. Zeider, Chicago...	24	51	76	3	.977	C. Herzog, N.Y.....	113	251	327	32	.948
J. Evers, Bos.-Phila..	73	114	210	9	.973	J. Niehoff, Phila....	96	203	326	31	.945
J. Smith, N.Y.....	29	38	64	3	.971	W. McKechnie, Cin...	26	49	51	6	.943
J. Pittler, Pittsburgh.	106	283	277	20	.966	C. Bigbee, Pitts.....	16	34	39	5	.936
P. Kilduff, N.Y.-Chi.	26	45	66	4	.965	E. Fitzpatrick, Bos...	22	33	46	6	.929
G. Outshaw, Brook...	134	319	377	27	.963	H. Myers, Brooklyn.	19	46	52	8	.925
A. Betzel, St. L.....	75	159	217	15	.962	W. Massey, Boston...	25	40	68	12	.900
D. Shean, Cincinnati.	131	332	412	30	.961	O. Dughey, Phila.....	15	27	27	8	.871
J. Miller, St. Louis..	92	219	308	22	.960						

Evers played 24 games with Boston and 49 with Philadelphia; Kilduff, 21 with New York and 5 with Chicago.

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING—(Continued.)

THIRD BASEMEN.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.E.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.E.	P.C.
H. Groh, Cincinnati..	154	178	331	18 .966	M. Stock, Phila.....	133	132	255	24 .943
A. McCarthy, Pitts..	26	42	39	3 .964	H. D. Baird, Pit.-SL	144	168	332	32 .940
C. Deal, Chicago.....	130	151	254	18 .957	N. Boeckel, Pitts....	62	71	118	13 .935
H. Myers, Brooklyn..	15	14	31	2 .957	R. Zeider, Chicago... 26	28	55	6	.926
F. O'Rourke, Brook..	58	72	134	10 .954	J. C. Smith, Boston..	147	141	264	23 .925
H. Mowrey, Brook... 80	73	164	12	.952	J. Lobert, N.Y.....	21	10	19	3 .906
F. Smith, St. Louis..	51	62	110	9 .950	A. Debus, Pitts.....	18	20	37	7 .870
F. Wagner, Pitts....	18	32	23	3 .948	E. Fitzpatrick, Bos..	15	5	19	7 .774
H. Zimmerman, N.Y.	149	148	349	28 .947					

Baird played 41 games with Pittsburgh and 103 with St. Louis.

SHORTSTOPS.

J. Rawlings, Boston..	17	30	56	3 .966	W. Wortman, Chi....	65	85	162	22 .918
A. Fletcher, N.Y.....	151	276	565	39 .966	P. Kilduff, N.Y.-Chi.	56	95	136	21 .917
W. Maranville, Bos..	142	341	474	46 .947	W. Kopf, Cincinnati.	145	276	470	63 .916
I. Olson, Brooklyn... 133	283	431	45	.941	C. Ward, Pittsburgh	112	206	312	50 .912
R. Hornsby, St. L... 144	268	527	52	.939	R. Zeider, Chicago... 48	77	95	19	.901
D. Bancroft, Phila... 120	274	439	49	.936	A. Debus, Pittsburgh	21	41	65	12 .898
M. Stock, Phila.....	19	44	60	9 .920	L. Fabrique, Brook..	21	55	63	17 .874
M. McGaffigan, Phil.	17	32	49	7 .920					

Kilduff played 5 games with New York and 51 with Chicago.

OUTFIELDERS.

C. Jackson, Pitts....	1	36	65	5	1 .986	J. Smith, St. L.....	1	123	233	12	10 .961
G. Paskert, Phila....	138	286	19	5 .984	C. Bigbee, Pitts.....	107	235	9	10 .961		
Bob Bescher, St. L..	32	61	..	1 .984	F. Williams, Chi....	136	340	23	15 .960		
H. Myers, Brooklyn..	66	162	6	3 .982	J. Johnston, Brook...	92	150	8	7 .953		
M. Carey, Pittsburgh	153	440	28	10 .979	J. Thorpe, Cin.-N.Y..	87	174	7	8 .953		
A. E. Neale, Cin.....	119	216	13	5 .979	W. Rehg, Boston.....	86	122	9	6 .956		
Z. Wheat, Brooklyn.	98	216	12	5 .979	L. Mann, Chicago...	116	203	20	11 .953		
B. Kauff, N.Y.....	153	357	12	9 .976	M. Flack, Chicago...	117	199	14	12 .947		
R. Powell, Boston...	88	231	14	6 .976	O. O. Cravath, Phila.	139	209	17	13 .946		
G. Whitted, Phila....	141	275	19	7 .977	J. Kelly, Boston.....	116	234	16	17 .946		
G. Burns, N.Y.....	152	325	16	9 .974	E. Fitzpatrick, Bos..	19	33	2	2 .946		
T. Griffith, Cin.....	100	165	19	5 .974	W. Hinchman, Pitts.	48	99	5	6 .945		
A. Betzel, St. L.....	23	32	3	1 .972	F. Schulte, Pitt-Phil.	70	96	4	6 .943		
C. Stengel, Brook...	156	256	30	9 .969	G. Twombly, Boston..	29	49	1	3 .943		
L. King, Pittsburgh.	162	198	16	7 .968	D. Robertson, N.Y..	140	266	12	17 .942		
S. Magee, Bos.-Cin..	166	220	14	8 .967	D. Hickman, Brook..	101	222	22	15 .942		
W. Cruise, St. L.....	152	285	15	11 .965	H. Wolter, Chicago..	97	131	14	9 .942		
M. Cueto, Cin.....	33	75	8	3 .963	J. Wilhoit, Ba-Pit-NY	68	86	9	6 .941		
E. Rousch, Cin.....	134	335	15	14 .962	T. Long, St. Louis...	137	173	9	16 .919		
F. Bailey, Boston....	27	46	5	2 .962	J. Smyth, Brook.-SL	25	26	1	4 .871		

Magee played 65 games with Boston and 41 with Cincinnati; Thorpe, 69 with Cincinnati and 18 with New York; Schulte, 28 with Pittsburgh and 42 with Philadelphia; Wilhoit, 52 with Boston, 3 with Pittsburgh and 11 with New York; Smyth, 2 with Brooklyn and 23 with St. Louis.

PITCHERS.

E. Rixey, Phila.....	1	39	15	93 .. 1000	J. May, St. Louis... 1	15	3	14	.. 1000
A. Demaree, Chi.-NY.	39	4	63	.. 1000	G. Alexander, Phila.	45	24	108	1 .992
E. Packard, Chi.-SL	1	36	5	43 .. 1000	J. Barnes, Boston....	50	18	96	1 .991
H. Eller, Cincinnati.	37	5	33	.. 1000	F. Miller, Pitts.....	38	4	69	1 .986
H. Sallee, N.Y.....	1	34	4	46 .. 1000	A. Nehf, Boston.....	38	9	63	1 .986
J. Ring, Cincinnati.	24	2	27	.. 1000	H. Carlson, Pitts....	34	6	53	1 .983
P. Fittery, Phila....	17	2	23	.. 1000	C. Mitchell, Cin.....	53	10	45	1 .982

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING—PITCHERS—(Continued).

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
D. C. P. Ragan, Bos.	30	6	42	1	.980	L. Cadore, Brooklyn.	37	16	62	4	.951
F. Anderson, N.Y....	38	..	46	1	.979	E. Pfeffer, Brooklyn.	30	5	69	4	.949
L. Ames, St. Louis...	43	4	83	2	.978	L. Meadows, St. L....	43	4	66	4	.946
G. Tyler, Boston....	32	14	76	2	.978	R. Marquard, Brk...l	37	5	47	3	.946
E. Jacobs, Pitts.....	38	8	75	2	.976	R. Rudolph, Boston..	31	7	75	5	.943
W. Doak, St. L.....	44	10	103	3	.974	P. Douglas, Chicago.	51	9	102	7	.941
W. Perritt, N.Y.....	35	11	63	2	.974	J. E. Mayer, Phila...	28	5	43	3	.941
J. Coombs, Brooklyn.	31	8	26	1	.971	P. Carter, Chicago...	23	2	39	2	.941
J. Oeschger, Phila...	42	5	67	2	.968	V. Aldridge, Chicago	30	2	44	3	.939
M. W. Watson, St.L.	41	3	55	2	.967	L. Cheney, Brook....	35	4	56	4	.938
S. Smith, Brooklyn..l	33	6	81	3	.967	J. Vaughn, Chi.....l	41	14	89	7	.936
A. W. Cooper, Pit..l	40	11	71	3	.966	C. Hendrix, Chicago.	40	6	52	4	.936
P. Schneider, Cin....	46	14	67	3	.964	M. Prendergast, Chi.	35	3	25	2	.933
C. Bender, Phila....	20	5	22	1	.964	C. Tesreau, N.Y.....	33	6	60	5	.930
T. Seaton, Chicago...	16	2	25	1	.964	F. Toney, Cincinnati.	43	13	76	7	.927
F. Allen, Boston....l	29	1	23	1	.960	B. A. Grimes, Pitts..	37	9	62	6	.923
A. Mamaux, Pitts....	19	3	20	1	.958	W. Ruether, Ch.Cin..l	17	2	21	2	.920
F. Shupp, N.Y.....l	36	6	60	3	.967	J. Lavender, Phila...	23	3	30	3	.917
O. Horstman, St. L..	35	3	40	2	.956	R. Steele, St.L.-Pit..l	39	5	52	7	.891
M. Regan, Cin.....	32	10	77	4	.956	W. Dell, Brooklyn...	17	1	13	3	.824
J. O. Benton, N.Y..l	35	2	58	3	.852						

Demaree played 24 games with Chicago and 15 with New York; Packard, 2 with Chicago and 34 with St. Louis; Ruether, 10 with Chicago and 7 with Cincinnati; Steele, 12 with St. Louis and 27 with Pittsburgh.

CATCHERS.

Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.B.	P.C.	Name and Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.B.	P.C.
J. Adams, Phila....	33	130	40	1	6	.994	W. Lariden, N.Y.	100	354	74	13	5	.971
T. Clarke, Cin.....	29	93	23	1	3	.991	W. Trager, Bos	94	433	105	16	13	.971
G. Gibson, N.Y.....	35	116	27	2	1	.986	E. Burns, Phila...	15	47	20	2	2	.971
W. Dillhoefer, Chi.	37	146	49	3	8	.985	H. Elliott, Chicago	73	307	93	13	10	.969
W. Killifer, Phila.	120	615	138	12	8	.984	H. Gowdy, Boston	49	204	75	9	1	.969
J. Meyers, Bk.-Bs.	63	299	74	6	7	.984	E. Huhn, Cin.....	15	47	15	2	2	.969
E. Krueger, NY-Bk	23	121	25	3	3	.980	A. Wilson, Chi....	75	361	92	15	8	.968
O. Miller, Brook...	91	412	95	11	6	.979	M. Wheat, Brook...	18	68	22	3	..	.968
L. McCarty, N.Y..	54	235	43	6	1	.979	I. Wingo, Cin.....	120	459	151	21	16	.967
W. Schmidt, Pitts.	61	229	84	7	8	.978	W. Fischer, Pitts.	69	272	77	14	4	.961
M. Gonzalez, St.L.	63	241	97	8	8	.977	W. Wagner, Pitts.	37	135	46	8	3	.958
F. Snyder, St. L..	94	341	133	12	6	.975							

Meyers played 44 games with Brooklyn and 24 with Boston; Krueger, 5 with New York and 23 with Brooklyn.

CLUB FIELDING.

Club.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.O.	P.B.	P.O.
New York	158	4274	2085	208	6567	7	.9683
Philadelphia	154	4161	2106	212	6479	16	.9678
St. Louis	154	4166	2293	221	6630	15	.9669
Boston	157	4250	2070	224	6544	17	.9658
Brooklyn	156	4250	2015	245	6510	14	.9624
Cincinnati	157	4186	2051	247	6484	24	.9619
Pittsburgh	157	4244	1965	251	6460	16	.9611
Chicago	157	4193	2012	267	6472	26	.9587

In arranging the National League pitchers of 1917 in order of their effectiveness, it was found expedient to divide the 83 pitchers into three groups. The first of these embraces all those who bore the brunt of the campaign and pitched at least 10 complete games; the second, those who

participated in a minimum of 10 games, regardless of the length of same; and the third comprising all others who took part in a championship contest.

Alexander won the title of leading pitcher with an average of least runs earned per game of 1.85. Perritt of New York was a close second with 1.88, followed by Schupp with 1.95. The latter led all others in games won and lost with a percentage of .750, this figure representing 21 winning and 7 losing games. Five of the ten leading pitchers were left-handers.

The percentage of games won and lost is given, with notation of the relative position of each pitcher, this special record being supplied in order that comparison may be made with the official earned-run rating.

The value of rating pitchers on the latter system is again demonstrated. Basing the effectiveness of a pitcher solely on games won and lost, it would show the champion New Yorks heading the list with three men—Schupp, Sallee and Perritt—and in addition two more of its pitchers among the first ten. The earned-run records, however, show in good measure the effectiveness of other pitchers, regardless of where their respective clubs finished in the race. Schnelder of Cincinnati, for illustration, barely won more games than he lost, yet is rated fourth in the official standing with an earned-run average of 1.97. As far as figures can tell, he suffered by reason of poor fielding support at critical stages of some of his games; for 53 of the 123 runs scored off him were made after chances had been offered to retire the side. An opposite case was that of Meadows of St. Louis, rated eighth in games won and lost and twenty-sixth in the official—all due to the fact that 91 of the 99 runs scored off him during the season were earned.

Phil Douglas of Chicago pitched in the greatest number of games—51—followed by Barnes of Boston, with 50. Alexander scored most shutouts (8), and he also led in complete games pitched with 35. Alexander led the right-handers in strikeouts with 201 out of the 1,531 batsmen facing him. Vaughn of Chicago led the left-handers with the higher percentage of 195 strikeouts out of 1,216 chances.

In consecutive victories, Sallee and Schnelder tied with a run of nine games each, the former making his record from June 30 to August 16, and the latter during the winning streak of Cincinnati from June 9 to July 26.

Two victories in one afternoon were scored July 1 by Toney of Cincinnati, against Pittsburgh; on September 3, by Alexander of Philadelphia, against Brooklyn; and on September 18, by Doak of St. Louis, also against Brooklyn.

The outstanding pitching feature of the 1917 season—if not of modern Base Ball history—was the game played in Chicago May 2, when Toney of Cincinnati and Vaughn of Chicago went nine innings without allowing a safe hit to either side. In the tenth Vaughn allowed two hits, losing the game, 1 to 0. Toney, however, continued unhittable and scored the only no-hit game of the Nationals' 1917 season.

The individual records, in detail, follow, the left-handers being noted with "l":

RECORD OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHERS WHO PITCHED AT LEAST TEN (10) COMPLETE GAMES, 1917,
 BASED ON LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF EARNED RUNS, PER GAME.

Name and Club.	No Games Pitched In.	No. Complete Games.	No. Innings Pitched.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	P.C. Won and Lost.	Shutouts.	Batsmen Facing Pitcher.	Base Hits.	Sacrifice Hits.	Hit Batsmen.	Bases on Balls.	Strikeouts.	Wild Pitches.	Total Runs.	Runs Earned Off Pitchers.	Aver. Runs 9-In. Game.
1. Alexander, Philadelphia.....	45	35	388	30	13	4-698	8	1531	336	32	6	58	201	2	108	80	1.85
2. Perritt, New York.....	35	14	215	17	7	3-708	5	855	186	18	7	45	72	1	61	45	1.88
3. Schupp, New York.....	36	25	272	21	7	1-750	5	1087	202	25	4	70	147	3	69	59	1.96
4. Schneider, Cincinnati.....	46	25	342	20	19	18-513	4	1421	316	40	11	119	142	5	128	75	1.97
5. Vaughn, Chicago.....	41	27	296	23	13	7-639	4	1216	255	31	9	91	195	2	97	66	2.01
6. Nehf, Boston.....	35	17	233	17	8	6-680	5	912	197	17	4	39	101	5	78	56	2.16
7. Sallee, New York.....	34	18	215	18	7	2-720	1	861	199	26	1	34	54	..	70	52	2.18
8. Toney, Cincinnati.....	43	31	340	24	16	13-600	7	1374	300	33	6	77	123	3	119	83	2.20
9. Pfeiffer, Brooklyn.....	31	24	266	11	15	25-423	2	1081	225	36	16	66	115	4	84	66	2.23
10. Rixey, Philadelphia.....	39	23	281	16	21	24-432	4	1140	249	35	5	67	121	6	102	71	2.28
11. Cooper, Pittsburgh.....	40	23	293	17	11	12-607	7	1159	276	33	4	54	99	1	96	78	2.36
12. Cheney, Brooklyn.....	35	14	210	8	12	27-400	1	869	185	18	5	73	102	11	80	55	2.36
13. Cadore, Brooklyn.....	37	21	264	13	13	20-500	1	1067	231	37	7	63	115	4	86	72	2.46
14. Tyler, Boston.....	32	22	239	14	12	15-538	4	970	203	32	6	86	98	7	81	67	2.52
15. Douglas, Chicago.....	51	20	293	14	20	26-412	5	1161	269	28	6	50	151	11	123	83	2.55
16. Marquard, Brooklyn.....	37	14	233	19	12	11-613	3	942	200	19	4	84	117	4	84	66	2.55
17. Hendrix, Chicago.....	40	13	215	10	12	22-455	1	892	202	29	4	72	81	8	94	62	2.59
18. Barnes, Boston.....	50	27	295	13	21	28-382	2	1166	261	32	3	50	107	3	115	88	2.68
19. Regan, Cincinnati.....	32	16	216	11	10	14-600	1	909	228	29	4	41	50	..	106	65	2.71
20. Ames, St. Louis.....	43	10	209	15	10	16-524	2	847	189	28	3	57	62	5	75	63	2.71
21. Benton, New York.....	35	14	215	15	9	9-625	3	865	190	19	7	41	70	3	78	65	2.72
22. Oeschger, Philadelphia.....	42	18	262	15	14	17-517	4	1064	241	18	6	72	123	3	108	80	2.74
23. Mayer, Philadelphia.....	28	11	160	11	6	6-647	1	649	160	14	4	33	64	2	62	49	2.75
24. Jacobs, Pittsburgh.....	38	10	227	6	19	32-240	1	941	214	43	5	76	58	1	87	71	2.82
25. Steele, St. L. 12, Pitts. 27.....	39	14	222	6	14	31-300	1	920	191	29	5	72	105	8	88	70	2.83
26. Meadows, St. Louis.....	43	18	266	15	9	8-625	3	1085	253	26	4	90	100	4	99	91	3.08
27. Tesreau, New York.....	23	11	184	13	8	10-619	1	757	168	22	3	58	85	8	71	63	3.08
28. Doak, St. Louis.....	44	17	281	16	20	23-444	3	1152	257	28	9	85	111	2	123	97	3.10
29. Miller, Pittsburgh.....	38	14	224	10	19	30-345	6	962	216	37	5	60	92	6	98	78	3.13
30. Mitchell, Cincinnati.....	32	10	159	9	15	29-375	2	670	166	14	2	34	37	3	73	57	3.22
31. S. Smith, Brooklyn.....	38	15	212	12	12	21-500	..	874	210	28	2	51	58	..	103	78	3.31
32. Rudolph, Boston.....	31	23	243	13	13	19-500	5	1011	252	25	4	54	96	4	104	92	3.41

RECORD OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHERS PARTICIPATING IN TEN (10) OR MORE GAMES BUT NOT PITCHING TEN (10) COMPLETE GAMES.

	38	8	162	8	8	500	1	632	122	12	2	34	69	5	40	26	1.44
Anderson, New York	20	8	113	6	2	800	4	436	84	13	7	26	43	3	24	21	1.67
Bender, Philadelphia	11	6	74	8	3	625	2	239	54	16	3	30	40	1	21	16	1.94
Hughes, Boston	14	6	85	6	4	600	3	339	70	4	..	19	38	1	33	21	2.22
Goodwin, St. Louis	37	7	152	10	5	667	1	614	131	25	3	37	77	1	60	40	2.37
Eller, Cincinnati	16	3	75	5	4	556	1	295	60	7	1	23	27	1	30	21	2.52
Seaton, Chicago	36	6	155	9	6	600	..	616	141	18	3	25	45	1	50	44	2.55
Packard, Chicago 2, St. Louis 34	1. 36	7	220	9	14	391	1	890	195	27	3	54	66	3	86	63	2.57
Demaree, Chicago 24, New York 15	.. 39	.. 37	1	1	1	500	..	154	35	8	1	8	9	2	18	11	2.67
Middleton, New York	13	.. 1	38	..	3	000	..	159	38	6	1	11	16	2	13	12	2.84
Geo. Smith, New York	14	1	38	7	11	389	..	657	140	23	4	49	68	2	64	52	2.91
Carlson, Pittsburgh	34	9	161	7	3	400	2	611	138	22	1	35	61	1	59	48	2.92
Ragan, Boston	30	5	148	6	9	400	2	307	80	13	5	26	35	1	29	24	3.00
Ruether, Chicago 10, Cincinnati 7	1. 17	1	72	3	2	600	2	128	29	11	2	12	7	1	18	9	3.00
Knetzer, Cincinnati	11	.. 27	..	6	6	500	1	445	100	9	2	37	44	5	52	37	3.11
Aldridge, Chicago	30	1	107	6	8	385	..	453	115	15	3	19	34	1	47	41	3.27
Carter, Chicago	23	7	113	5	8	385	..	411	112	19	..	21	43	3	42	37	3.33
Prendergast, Chicago	35	1	100	3	6	333	..	411	112	19	..	21	43	3	42	37	3.33
May, St. Louis	15	.. 29	..	..	..	000	..	116	29	6	3	11	18	2	13	11	3.41
Horstman, St. Louis	35	4	139	9	4	632	1	566	111	15	4	54	50	2	67	53	3.43
Watson, St. Louis	41	5	161	10	13	435	3	667	149	16	9	51	45	1	74	63	3.52
Grimes, Pittsburgh	37	8	194	3	16	153	1	824	186	33	6	70	72	5	101	76	3.53
Lavender, Philadelphia	28	7	129	6	8	429	..	536	119	13	3	44	52	4	61	51	3.55
Deli, Brooklyn	17	.. 53	..	4	000	..	246	55	10	2	2	25	28	2	35	24	3.72
Allen, Boston	1. 29	2	112	3	11	214	..	490	124	19	6	47	56	4	61	49	3.94
Coombs, Brooklyn	31	9	141	7	11	339	..	600	147	26	8	49	34	..	76	62	3.96
Ring, Cincinnati	24	3	88	3	7	300	..	375	90	8	1	35	33	1	47	43	4.40
Fittory, Philadelphia	1. 17	1	56	1	1	500	..	256	69	6	5	27	13	1	36	28	4.50
Mamaux, Pittsburgh	16	5	86	2	11	184	..	394	92	10	3	50	22	3	59	50	5.23

1917 PITCHERS NOT OTHERWISE RATED.

	Brooklyn.	Games.	Won.	Lost.		Brooklyn.	Games.	Won.	Lost.
R. Durning	1	..	1	..	R. Bressler	1	2	..	..
John Miljus	4	..	1	..	Joe Engle	1	1	..	1
J. A. Russell	1	5	..	1	S. Perry	4	..	..	..
Paul Wachtel	2	..	..	..	H. Pillett	1	..	..	..
					Ray Sanders	2	..	..	1
St. Louis.					Boston.				
Bruce Hitt	2	..	..	..	Cal Crum	1	..	..	..
Thos. Murcheson	1	1	..	..	Ed Reulbach	5	..	..	1
Louis North	5	..	..	..	Jack Scott	7	1	2	2
George Pierce	1	5	1	1	Ed Walsh	4	..	..	1

Additional National League Records

New York's champion team had the player who drew more passes last year than anyone else and the player who was hit the most frequently, according to the last instalment of official National League records made public on March 19 by Secretary Heydler. These two men were George J. Burns and Arthur Fletcher, the outfielder obtaining 75 bases on balls in 152 games and the infielder being hit by 19 pitched balls in 151 games. It is the first time the National League has reported the number of men hit.

Another innovation in the figures is to make public the number of times a player reached first base on a fielding error. Harold H. Chase of Cincinnati was the leader in this respect, qualifying as a base-runner on 27 occasions through manual mistakes on the part of the Reds' opponents.

Henry Groh of Cincinnati was the runner-up to Burns in the total of passes procured, with a total of 71. He played in four more games than the New Yorker. Ranking second to Fletcher in gaining casualty passes was his teammate, Charles Herzog, now the property of the Boston club. He was hit 13 times.

David Bancroft, Philadelphia shortstop, had the second best record in reaching first on errors, his total being 20, or nine less than Chase's.

There were 61 National Leaguers last season who took part in 100 or more games, the greatest number being members of the St. Louis club—nine. Of these men the one who fanned the least frequently was Ivy Wingo of Cincinnati. He missed 13 times in 121 contests. Ed J. Roush of the same club, champion National League batsman, struck out 24 times in 136 engagements.

The team leaders of the eight clubs in drawing passes of both kinds and in reaching first on errors were as follows:

Boston—Smith in passes, Rawlings in being hit by pitchers, Maranville in reaching first on errors.

Brooklyn—Stengel in passes and in reaching first on errors, Daubert in being hit by pitchers.

Chicago—Flack in passes, Williams in being hit by pitchers, Mann in reaching first on errors.

Cincinnati—Groh in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Chase in reaching first on errors.

New York—Burns in passes and Fletcher in being hit by pitchers and in reaching first on errors.

Philadelphia—Cravath in passes, Luderus in being hit by pitchers and Bancroft in reaching first on errors.

Pittsburgh—Carey in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Ward in reaching first on errors.

St. Louis—Hornsby in passes and in being hit by pitchers, Long in reaching first on errors.

The figures for the 61 century players follow:

Name and Club.	HP FO					Name and Club.	HP FO				
	G.	BB.	B.	E.	S.O.		G.	BB.	B.	E.	S.O.
Groh, Cincinnati....	156	71	8	11	30	Kauff, New York....	153	59	5	11	54
Carey, Pittsburgh....	155	58	10	12	38	Burns, New York...	152	75	1	15	55
Luderus, Phila.....	154	65	6	19	35	Chase, Cincinnati...	152	15	1	27	49
Cruise, St. Louis....	153	38	1	11	73	Fletcher, New York.	151	23	19	18	28
Holke, New York...	153	34	5	13	54	Stengel, Brooklyn...	150	60	5	13	62

HP FO					HP FO						
Name and Club.	G.	BB.	B.	E.SO.	Name and Club.	G.	BB.	B.	E.SO.		
Stock, Philadelphia..	150	51	1	18	34	Daubert, Brooklyn...	125	51	6	12	30
Zimmerman, N.Y....	150	16	1	13	43	Killifer, Phila.....	125	15	4	12	21
Merkle, Brook.-Chi..	149	42	4	16	61	Ward, Pittsburgh...	125	32	8	13	43
Whitted, Phila.....	149	30	..	15	56	Rawlings, Boston...	122	38	7	12	32
Kopf, Cincinnati....	148	28	6	17	48	Neale, Cincinnati...	121	24	5	11	36
J. Miller, St. Louis.	148	33	3	14	52	Wingo, Cincinnati..	121	25	1	9	13
Baird, Pitts.-St. L..	147	43	2	10	71	Myers, Brooklyn....	120	18	..	10	25
J. C. Smith, Boston	147	53	6	6	61	Magee, Bos.-Cin....	117	29	5	6	30
Hornsby, St. Louis.	145	45	4	7	34	Mann, Chicago.....	117	27	1	17	46
Long, St. Louis.....	144	37	2	16	44	Wolter, Chicago....	117	38	1	9	40
Maranville, Boston..	142	40	2	17	47	Kelly, Boston.....	116	26	2	15	45
Robertson, N.Y.....	142	10	2	17	47	Niehoff, Phila.....	116	23	2	10	29
Cravath, Phila.....	141	70	1	16	57	Griffith, Cincinnati..	115	19	1	10	23
Paskert, Phila.....	141	62	3	18	63	Snyder, St. Louis...	115	27	2	10	43
Olson, Brooklyn....	139	11	4	11	34	Herzog, New York..	114	31	13	6	36
Williams, Chicago...	138	38	7	11	78	Hickman, Brooklyn.	114	17	..	8	66
J. Smith, St. Louis.	137	38	1	12	65	King, Pittsburgh....	111	15	2	9	58
Roush, Cincinnati...	136	27	5	8	24	Pitler, Pittsburgh..	109	30	5	6	24
Cutshaw, Brooklyn..	135	21	2	12	26	Z. Wheat, Brooklyn	109	20	2	8	18
Deal, Chicago.....	135	19	..	12	18	Zeider, Chicago....	108	28	2	9	30
Doyle, Chicago.....	135	48	..	13	28	Betzal, St. Louis...	106	20	2	12	47
Bigbee, Pittsburgh..	133	37	5	10	16	Gonzales, St. Louis.	106	22	1	13	24
Flack, Chicago.....	131	51	..	14	34	Johnston, Brooklyn.	103	23	2	12	28
Shean, Cincinnati...	131	22	1	9	39	Thorpe, Cin.-N.Y....	103	14	2	11	45
Konetchy, Boston...	130	36	5	11	40	Rariden, New York	101	42	1	5	17
Bancroft, Phila.....	127	44	..	20	22						

CLUB TOTALS.

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Club.	G.	BB.	PB.	O.E.SO.	Club.	G.	BB.	PB.	O.E.SO.
Philadelphia	154	435	20	164 533	New York	158	373	52	129 533
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Chicago	157	415	23	148 599	Brooklyn	156	334	29	129 527
Pittsburgh	157	399	46	115 580	Cincinnati	157	312	34	142 477

Totals1250 3054 273 1081 4483

Most bases on balls of men playing in 100 or more games—Burns, New York, 75; most hit by pitched balls of men playing in 100 or more games—Fletcher, New York, 19; most first base on errors of men playing in 100 or more games—Chase, Cincinnati, 27; smallest number of strikeouts of men playing in 100 or more games—Wingo, Cincinnati, 13.

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151	32 1-2	in. 38 to 46 oz.	155	32 1-2	in. 37 to 45 oz.	159	33 1-2	in. 36 to 43 oz.
152	34	in. 37 to 44 oz.	156	33 1-2	in. 37 to 44 oz.	160	33	in. 37 to 45 oz.
153	34	in. 37 to 46 oz.	157	33 1-2	in. 35 to 42 oz.	161	34	in. 37 to 46 oz.

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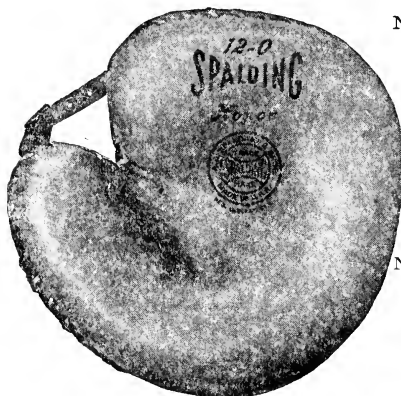
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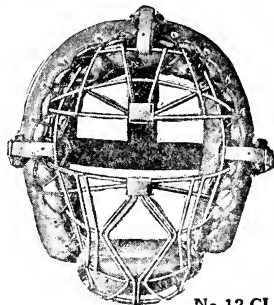
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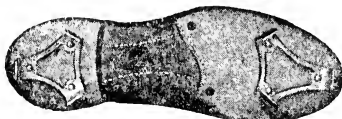
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